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Chess Notes 2025

1 **C57**
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■ **mikolka1985** **2593**
Blitz 26.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

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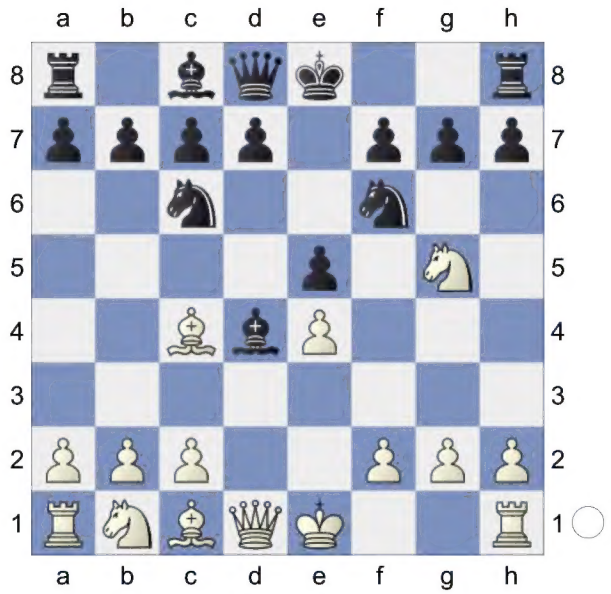
[5...d5= 0.03/21 and Black is okay. 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4]



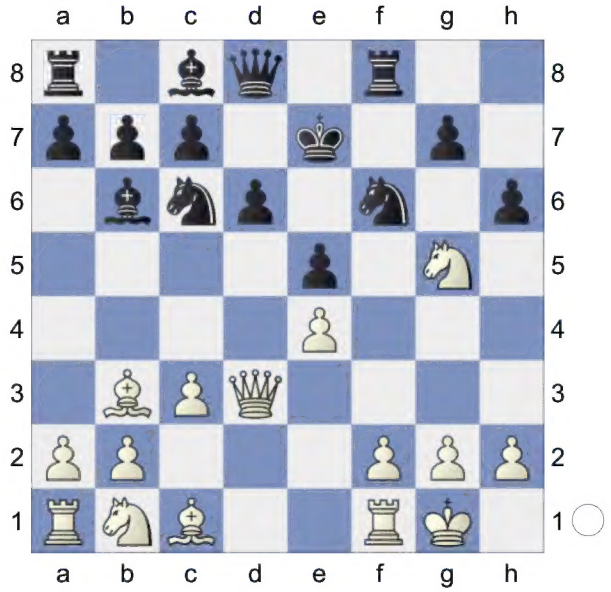
6.c3 0.77/19
[6.Bxf7+?! Ke7 7.Bc4 Na5±]
[6.Nxf7+- 1.65/22 is more deadly. Bxf2+ 7.Kxf2]

6...Bb6 1.14/20
[⚆6...d5 0.77/19 7.exd5 Bxf2+ 8.Kxf2 Na5]

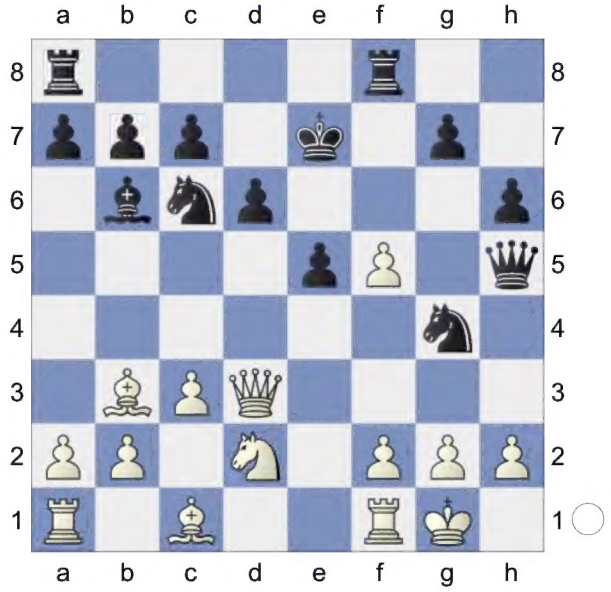
7.Bxf7+ 0.10/18
[White must play 7.Nxf7± 1.14/20 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bxf2+ Decoy 9.Kxf2 Qc5+ 10.Be3 Qxc4 *(10...Nxe4+? 11.Kf3+-)* 11.Nd2]

7...Ke7 8.Bb3 The position is equal.

8...Rf8 Repels Nf7 **9.0-0 d6 10.Qd3 h6**



11.Nf3 Qe8 12.Nbd2 Qg6 13.Nh4 Some like it hot **13...Qh5 14.Nf5+ Bxf5 15.exf5 Ng4!**



16.h3 -2.48/21

[16.Nf3!∓ -0.48/19]

16...Nxf2-+

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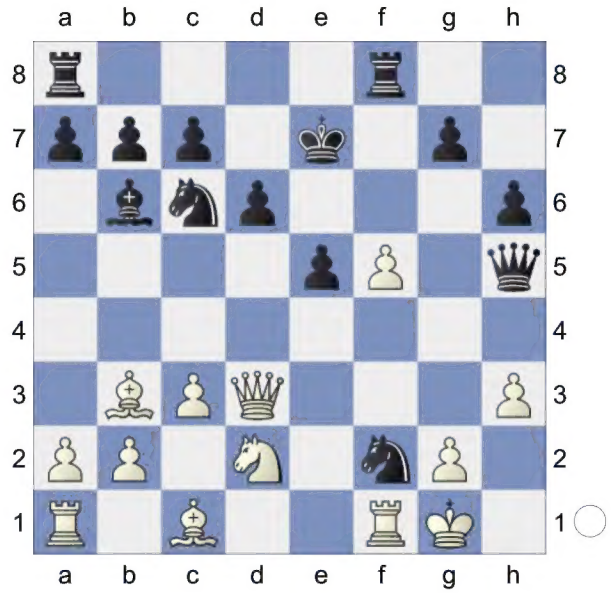


Decoy **17.Rxf2** Strongly threatening g4.

17...Bxf2+? 0.61/21

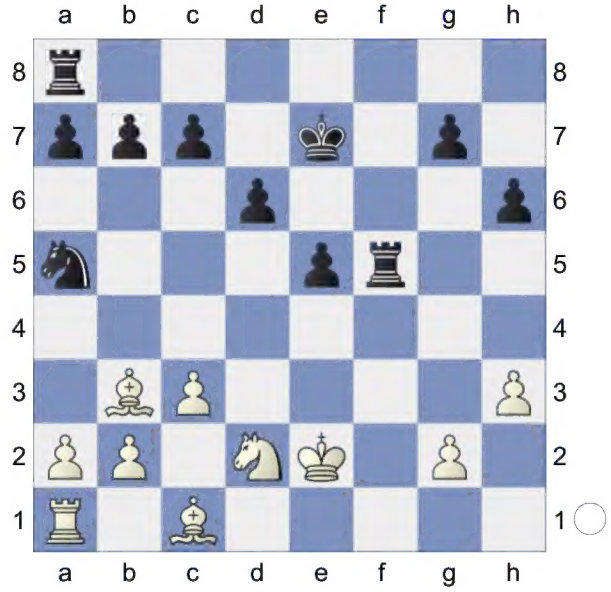
[17...Qxf5-+ -1.92/22 18.Qxf5 Rxf5 Pin]

18.Kxf2± Qxf5+ 19.Qxf5 Rxf5+ 20.Ke2 0.01/20

[20.Kg1± 0.53/19]

20...Na5 0.90/21

[20...Raf8= 0.01/20 21.Bd5 Rf2+ 22.Ke1 a5]



21.Bd5 White has strong compensation.

21...Raf8 22.Nf3 0.01/23

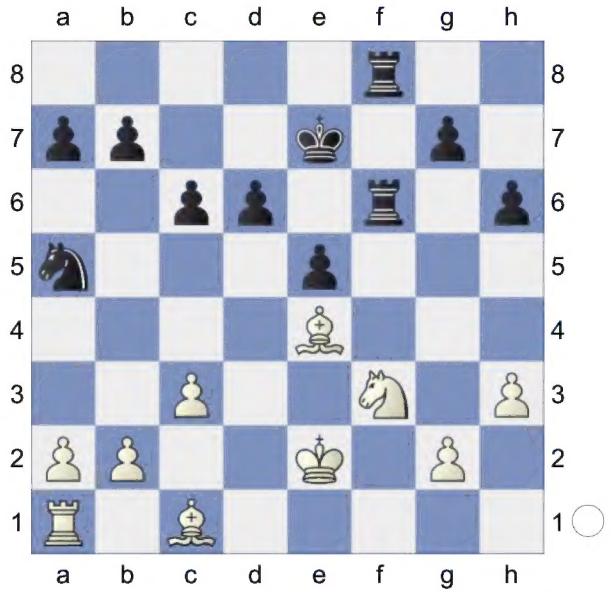
[22.Bf3± 0.66/21]

22...c6 0.41/22

[22...R5f6!= 0.01/23 should be considered.]

23.Be4↑ Black is under pressure.

23...R5f6



...d5 is the strong threat. **24.Bd3** 0.14/18

[24.b3± 0.52/19 is more appropriate.]

24...b5 1.15/21

[24...d5= 0.14/18 remains equal. 25.b4 *(25.Nxe5?* is the wrong capture. *Re6-+)* 25...Kd8 *(25...e4 26.bxa5 Kd7 27.a6±)*]

25.b3 Nb7

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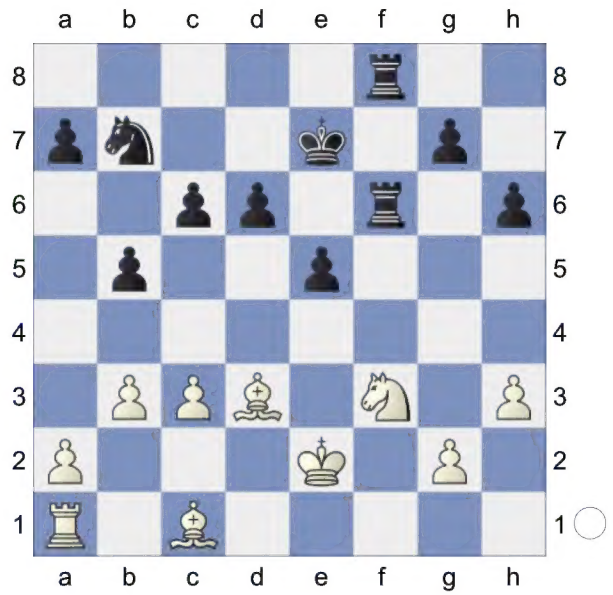


White must now prevent ...e4! **26.Be3 Re6** And now ...e4 would win. **27.Bc2** White is more active.

[27.Bxa7? perishes. e4 28.Nd4 exd3+ 29.Kxd3 Rg6 30.Nxc6+ Kd7 31.Nb8+ Kc8-+]

27...g5 2.29/21

[27...d5± 1.47/20]

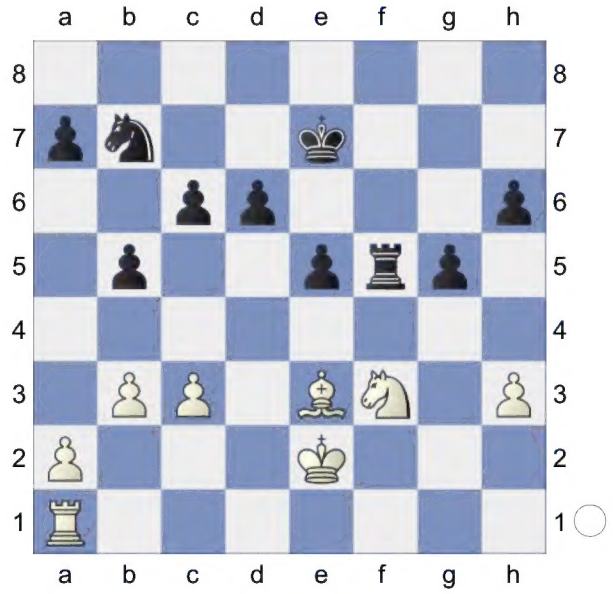
28.g4

[Much less strong is 28.Bxa7?! d5±]

28...Ref6 29.Bf5 Rxf5 1.98/20

[29...a5± 1.58/20 30.a4 bxa4]

30.gxf5+- Rxf5



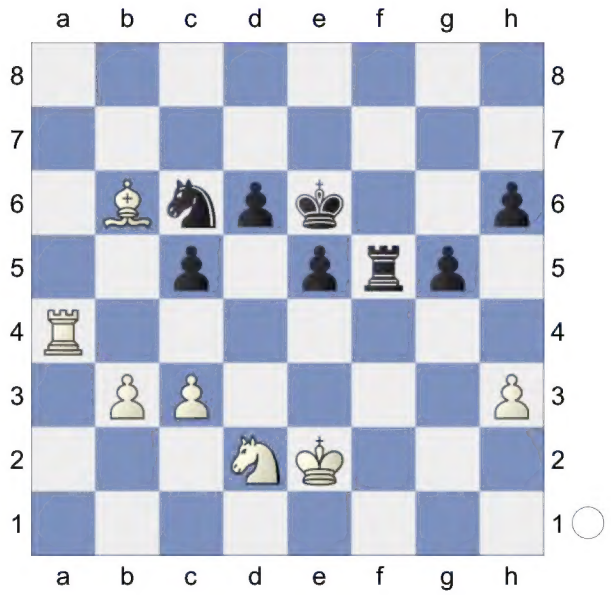
31.Bxa7 c5 32.a4 bxa4 33.Rxa4 Nd8 2.12/21

[⌓33...Rf4 1.71/22 34.Bb6 Kd7 35.Rxf4 gxf4]

34.Bb6 Nc6 2.27/24 Repels Ra7+

[34...Ne6± 1.28/21]

35.Nd2 Hoping for Ra8. **35...Ke6**



36.Ra8 Wards off Rf8 **36...Rf4 37.Re8+** 1.16/23

[37.Nc4+- 1.70/22]

37...Kd7± 38.Rh8 Rh4 39.Rh7+ Ke6 40.Nf3 Rxh3 6.82/21

[40...Rh5± 1.21/20 41.Kf2 e4]

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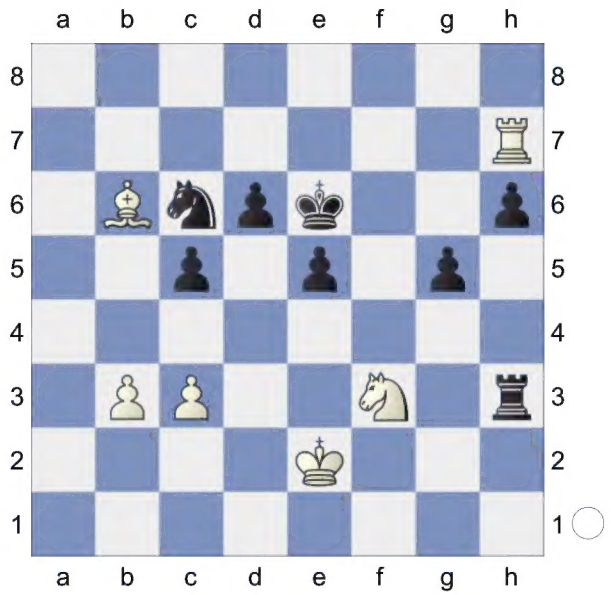
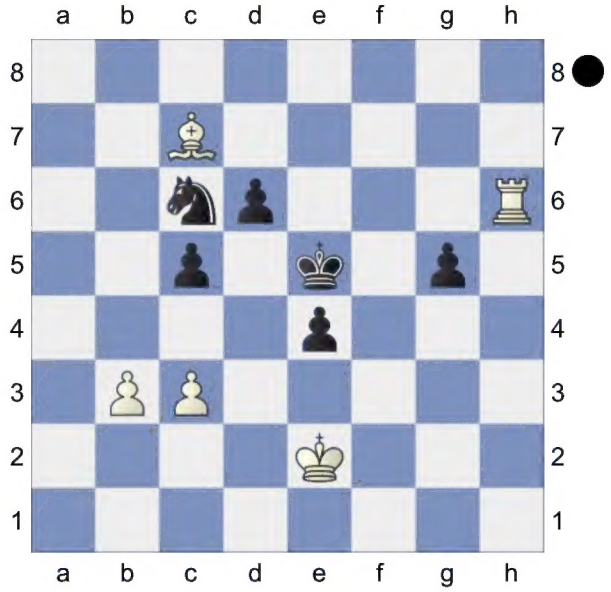


41.Nxg5++- White is clearly winning.

41...hxg5 42.Rxh3 e4 43.Rh6+ Ke5 44.Bc7



What a bad dream for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.39

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2 **C57**
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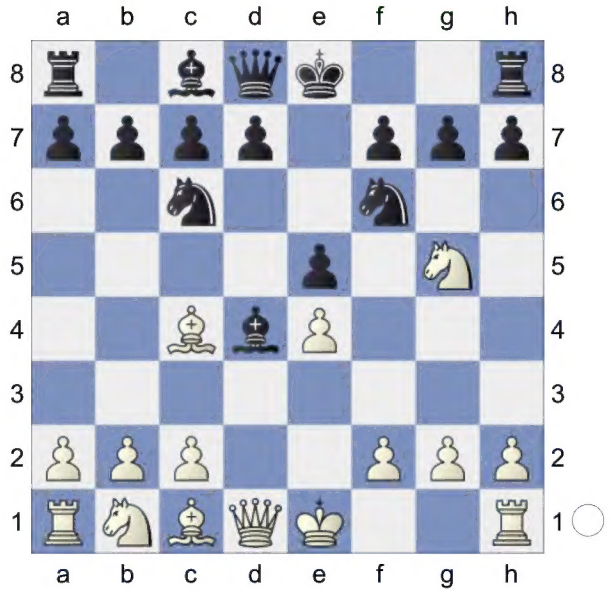
[5...d5!= -0.01/19 and Black has nothing to worry. 6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7]



6.Bxf7+? 0.16/18
[6.Nxf7+- 1.67/20 Qe7 7.Nxh8]
6...Ke7= 7.Bb3 Rf8 Prevents Nf7 **8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...d6 9.c3 Bb6 10.Na3** -0.45/21
[10.Qd3= -0.01/17]
10...h6∓

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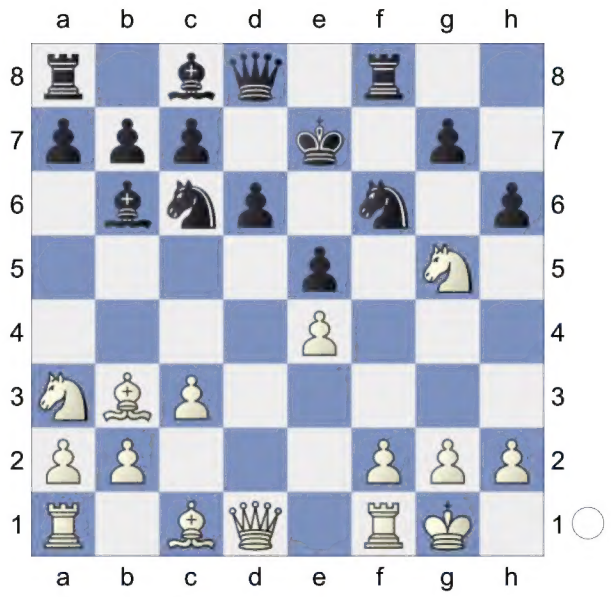
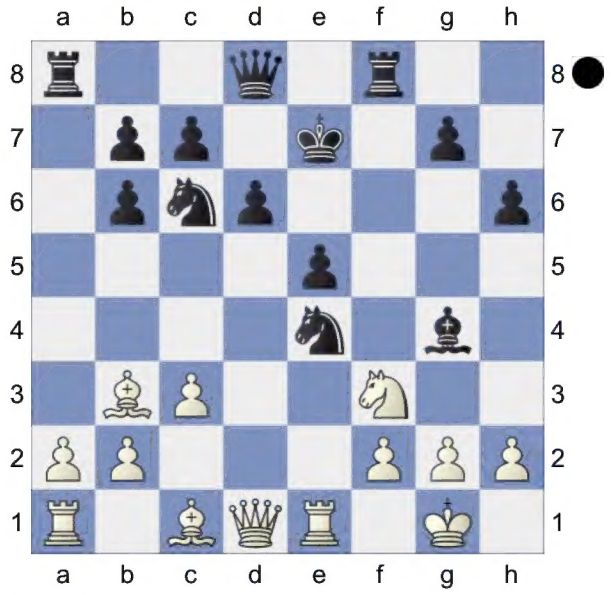


11.Nf3 Bg4 0.38/18
[Black should try 11...Nxe4= -0.26/19 12.Nc4 Ke8]
12.Nc4 -0.75/19
[12.Qd3± 0.38/18 stays ahead.]
12...Nxe4∓ 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.Re1



Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nc5

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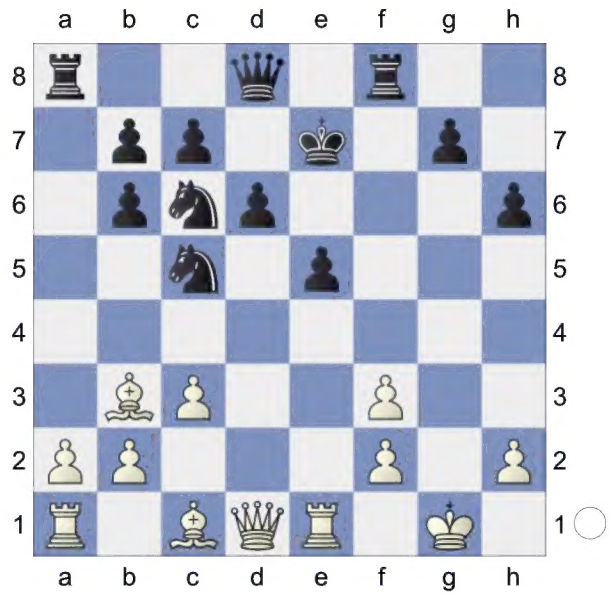

Strongly threatening ...Nxb3. A dynamic duo of knights. **16.Bc2 Qd7**
[16...Ne6 simplifies 17.b4 Qd7 18.Kh1 Kd8]
17.f4 Qh3 18.fxe5 dxe5 White must now prevent ...Rxf2!
[18...Nxe5!? 19.f4 Pin Ncd7=]
19.Be3 -0.60/20
[Better is 19.Re3= -0.10/20 Qh4 20.Qe2]
19...Ne6 20.Qd5 Nf4 0.01/22
[20...Rad8∓ -0.73/19 21.Qc4 Rf4 Decoy 22.Bxf4 Qg4+ Pin, Double Attack 23.Kf1 Nxf4]

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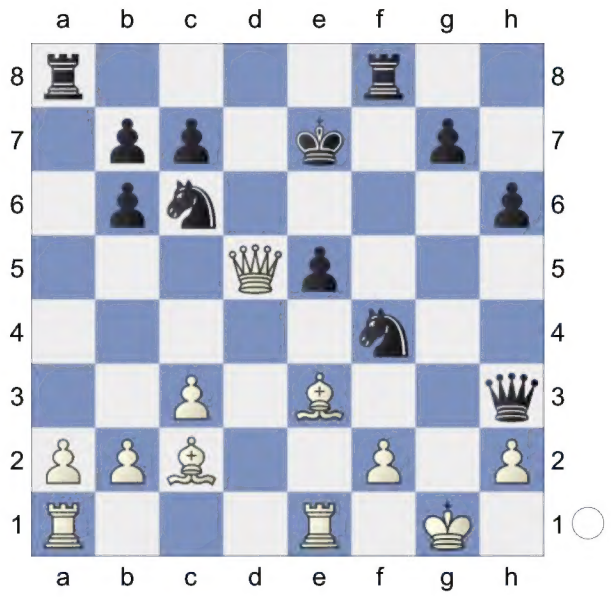

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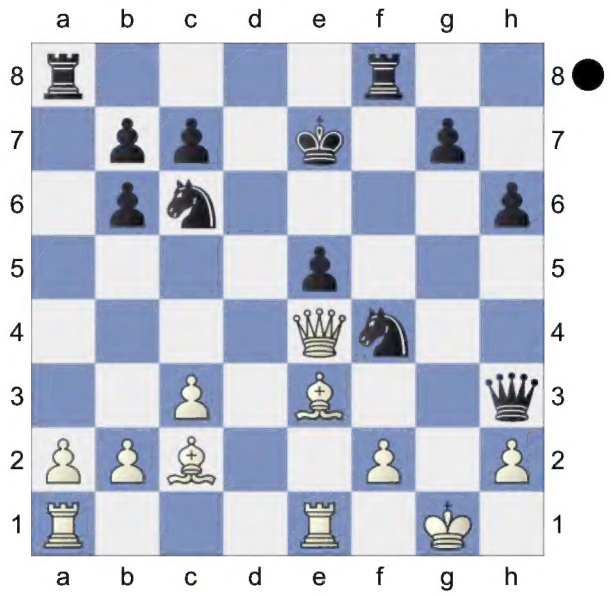

21...Rf6? 4.51/19 This move loses the game for Black. **22.Bxf4+- Raf8** 7.29/22
[Don't blunder 22...Rxf4? 23.Qxf4 Qh5 24.Qg3]
[⌂22...Qh4 4.68/22 23.Bg3 *(23.Bxe5 Qxf2+ 24.Kh1 Nxe5+-)* 23...Qxe4 24.Bxe4 g5]
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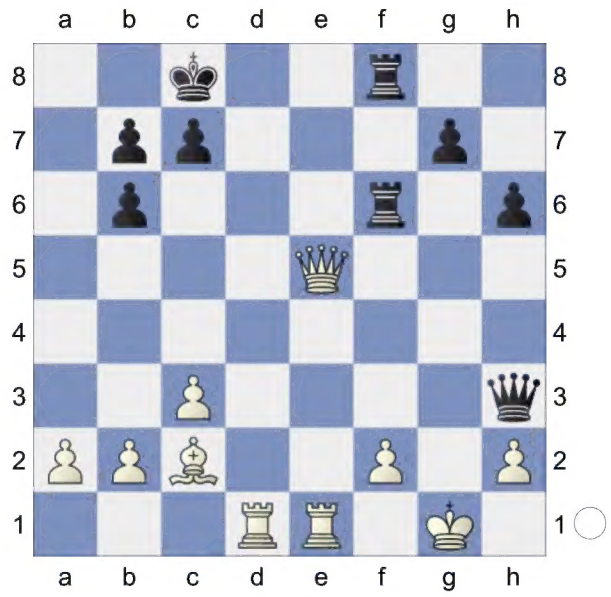

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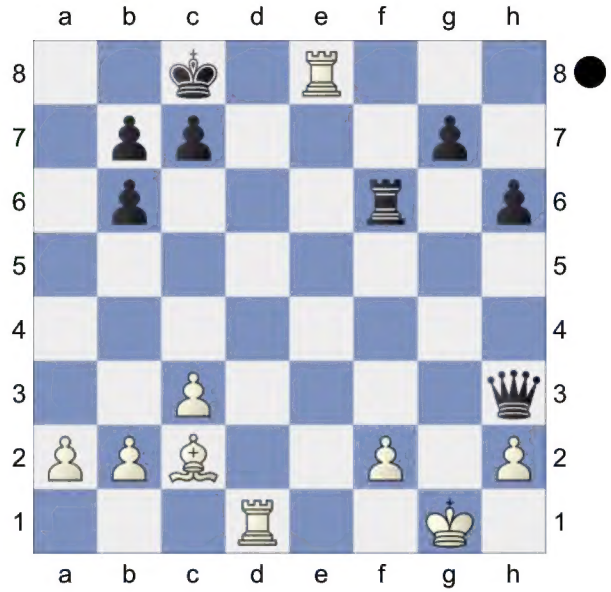

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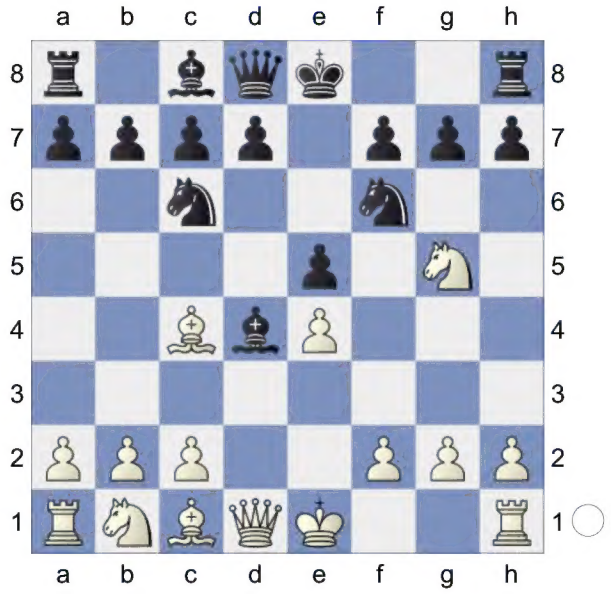
[5...d5= 0.06/22 6.Bxd5 Nxd4]



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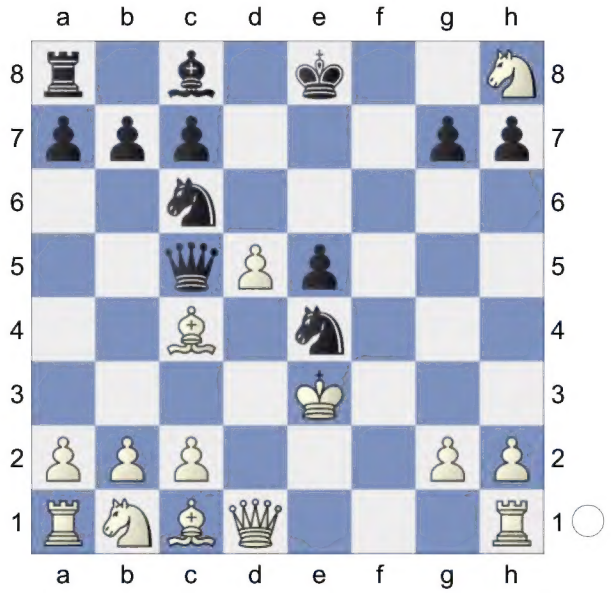
[6.Bxf7+?! Ke7=]
6...Qe7 White must now prevent ...d5!
7.Nxh8 d5 2.66/21
[7...Bxf2+± 1.60/21 8.Kxf2 Qc5+ 9.Be3 Qxc4 *(9...Nxe4+? 10.Kf3+-)*]
8.exd5 White has a decisive advantage.
8...Bxf2+ 9.Kxf2 Ne4+? 5.16/22
[9...Qc5+ 3.22/19 was called for. 10.Ke1 Bg4]
10.Ke3?? -3.27/23
[10.Kf1+- 5.16/22 Nd4 11.Qh5+ Kf8 12.Kg1 *(12.Qxh7 Qf6+; 12.Ng6+ hxg6 13.Qh8+ Kf7=)* 12...Nxc2

13.d6 *(13.Ng6+ hxg6 14.Qh8+ Kf7+-)*]

10...Qc5+ -1.53/5

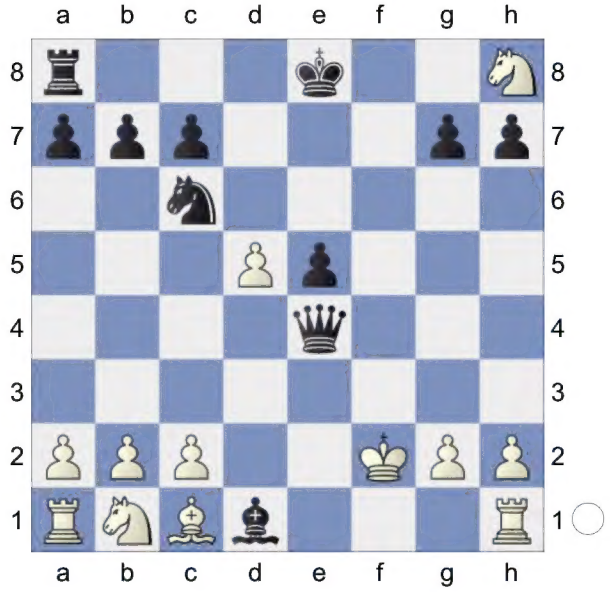
[10...Bf5-+ -3.27/23 (-> ...Qc5+) 11.Qh5+ *(11.dxc6 Qc5+)* 11...g6]



11.Kxe4∓ Qxc4+ 12.Ke3? -6.15/23

[12.Kf3 -2.87/26 Bg4+ Skewer 13.Kg3 Bxd1 14.Rxd1]

12...Qf4+-+ 13.Ke2 Bg4+ 14.Ke1 Qe4+ 15.Kf2 Bxd1



16.Rxd1 Nd4? -2.15/24

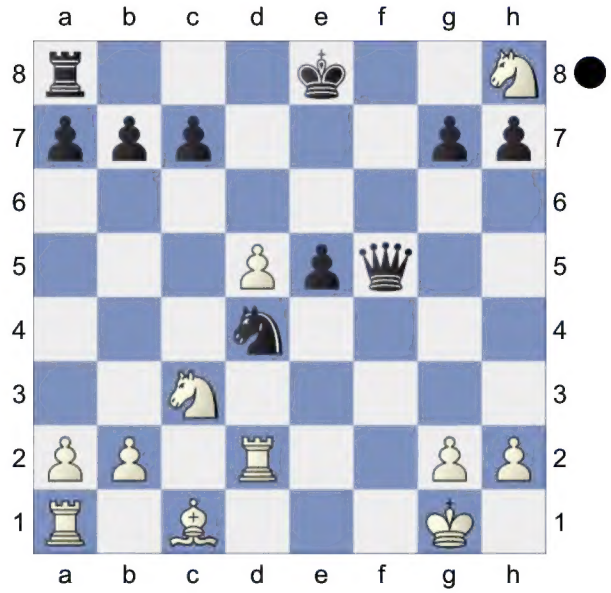
[16...Qxc2+ -6.41/22 17.Rd2 Qc5+ *(17...Qxc1? 18.dxc6 g5 19.h4-+)* 18.Ke2 Nd4+ *(18...Qxc1? 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Rd1-+)* 19.Kd1 0-0-0 *(19...Qxd5? 20.Nc3-+)*]

17.Nc3 Qxc2+ -0.60/23

[17...Qg4-+ -2.09/24 18.h3 Qh5]

18.Rd2∓ Qf5+ Black has compensation.

19.Kg1



aiming for Rf2. **19...0-0-0?** 0.80/24

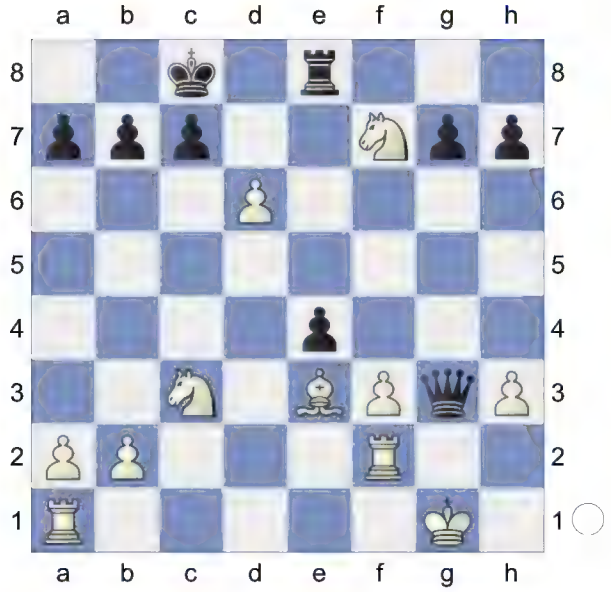
[19...Qf8!∓ -0.79/22 stays on course. ...0-0-0! would now be deadly. 20.Rf2 Qxh8]

20.Rf2± Qg4 1.80/23

[20...Qh5± 0.85/24]

(Diagram)

21.Nf7+- **Re8** **22.Be3** And now d6 would win. **22...e4?** 5.33/23 **23.h3** **Qh4** **24.d6** **Nf3+** **25.gxf3** **Qg3+**



26.Rg2 **Qxf3**

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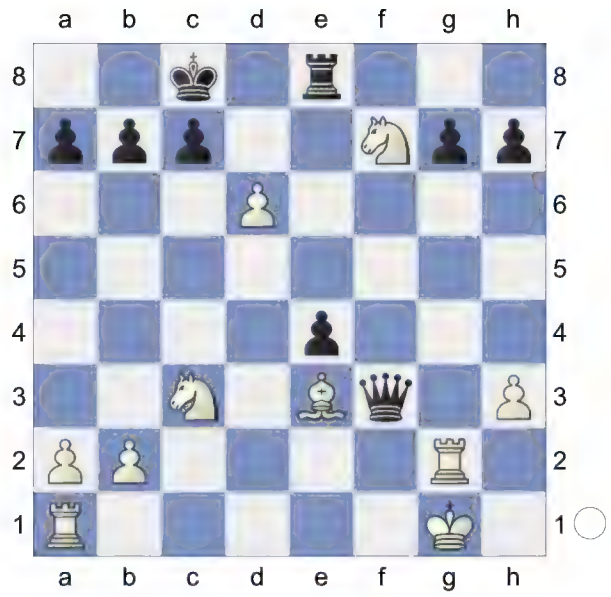


27.Re1 **Qxf7** Black is weak on the dark squares **28.dxc7**

[28.Bxa7 b6=]

28...Qxc7? 7.59/25

[28...a6 2.47/20 29.Rc1 b5]

29.Nb5

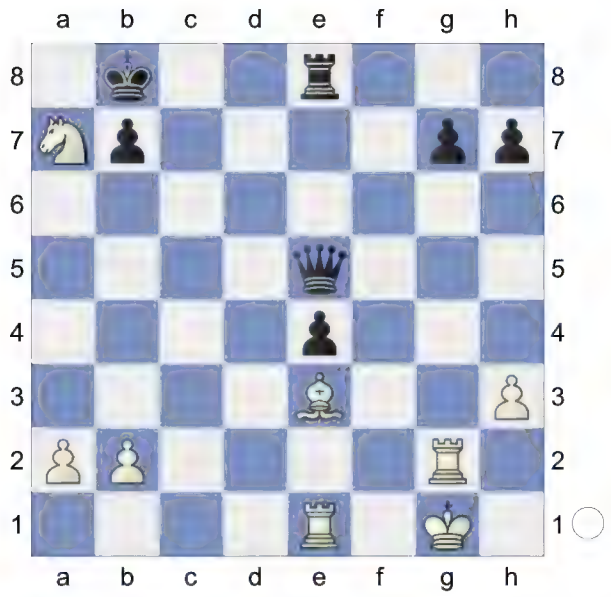
[29.Bxa7 b6 30.Nxe4 Re6∓ *(30...Qxa7? 31.Nd6+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Kd7 32.Rxg7+ Kxd6 33.Rd1+ Kc5 34.Rc1+ Kb4 35.Rxa7+-)*]

29...Qe5 **30.Nxa7+?** 1.56/23

[30.Rg5+- 7.70/24 is more deadly.]

30...Kb8±

(Diagram)



31.Rf1 Ka8 2.00/22
[31...Qh5± 1.44/24]
32.Rf7? 0.01/22
[32.Rg5+- 2.00/22 Qxb2 *(32...Qe6? 33.Nb5+-)* 33.Ra5 *(33.Nb5 Rg8+-)*]
32...Rd8= 33.Rf1 Inhibits Rd1. **33...h6** 1.27/21 Inhibits Rg5.
[33...Re8!= 0.01/17 keeps the balance.]
34.Kh1 -0.01/21
[White should play 34.a4± 1.27/21]
34...g5 0.91/21
[34...b6= -0.01/21 35.Nc6 *(35.Bxb6 Rd3∓)* 35...Qb5]
35.Rd2 -0.01/23
[35.a4± 0.91/21]
35...Re8

(Diagram)

36.Rd7? -11.23/23 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[36.Kg2= -0.01/21 h5 37.Rfd1]
36...Qe6-+
[36...Qxb2 37.Rd2 Qc3 38.Re2=]
37.Rff7 Qxh3+
[37...Qxa2? 38.Nb5 *(38.Rxb7 Rf8=)* 38...Qb1+ 39.Bg1+-]
38.Kg1 Qxe3+ 39.Kg2 Qxa7 40.Kg3 Qb8+

41.Kg2 e3 42.Rd3 e2 -18.73/20
[⌂42...Qe5 -#13/15 43.Ra3+ Kb8 44.Kf1 e2+ *(44...Qxb2* is a self

mate. *45.Rxb7+* Decoy *Kxb7 46.Rb3+)* 45.Ke1 Qxb2 46.Rxb7+ Decoy Kxb7 *(46...Qxb7* leads to mate. *47.Rb3* Pin *)* 47.Rb3+ Qxb3 Promotion 48.axb3 Ka6 49.Kd2 e1Q+ *(49...e1R* gets mated. *50.Kc2 Kb5 51.Kc3 R8e2 52.Kd4 Re3 53.b4 h5 54.Kd5 Rd3#)* 50.Kc2 Re2+ 51.Kd3 Kb5 52.Kd4 Qd2#]

43.Ra3+ Qa7 44.Rxa7+ Kxa7 45.Re7 Rxe7

KR-KPP **46.Kf2 e1Q+** Black mates. **47.Kf3 Qe4+ 48.Kg3 Qf4+ 49.Kg2 Re3 50.Kg1 Rg3+**

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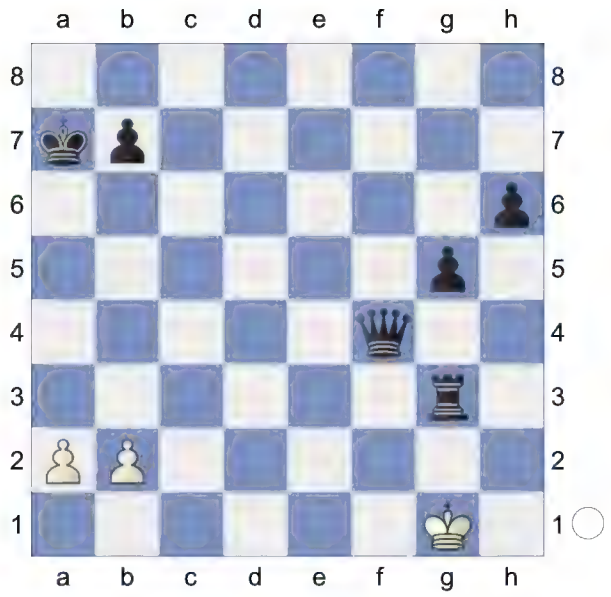
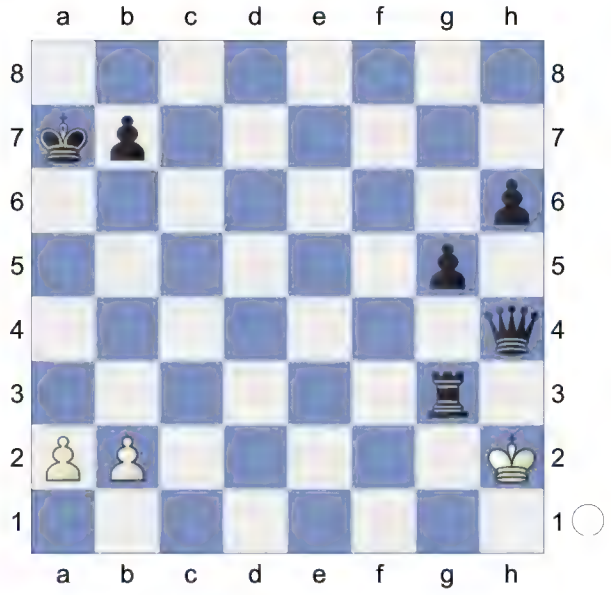


51.Kh2 Qh4#



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□ **Frendzas,Panayotis** **2585**
■ **Sundqvist,Christer** **2129**
T003-C57 LSS 17.01.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

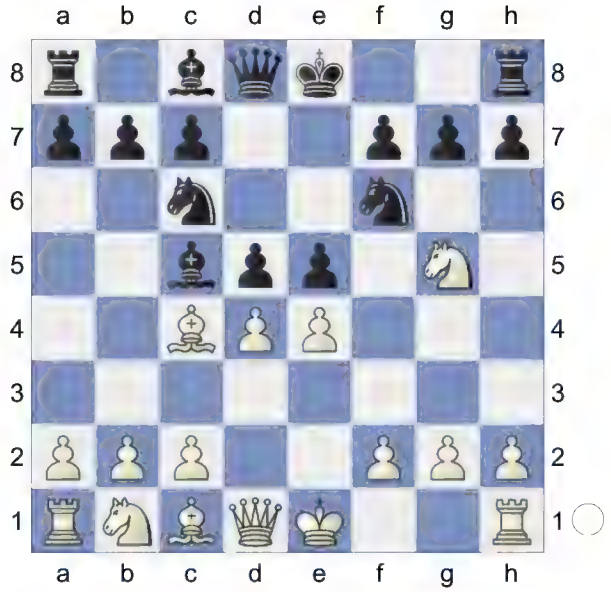
[4.d3

A) 4...h6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 1-0 (64) Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana,F (2820) Paris GCT Blitz 2021 (2);

B) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)) 8.a3 *(8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902) 8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4);

C) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.Bxd5

[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]

6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8** 1.01/19

[9...h6± 0.64/15]

10.c3± Ng4

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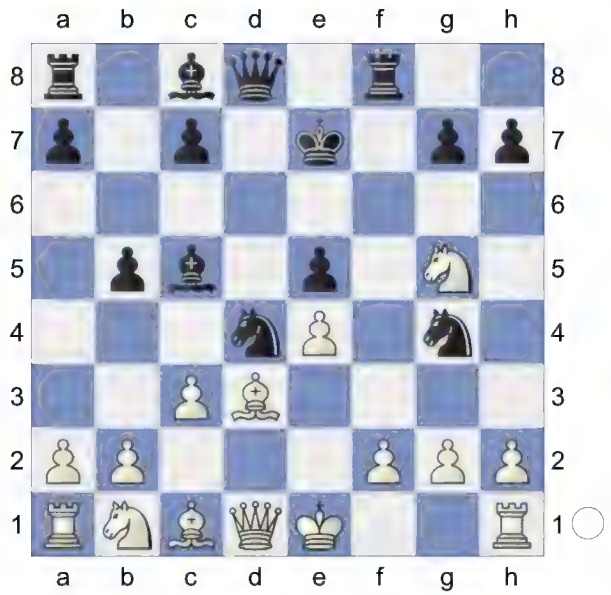
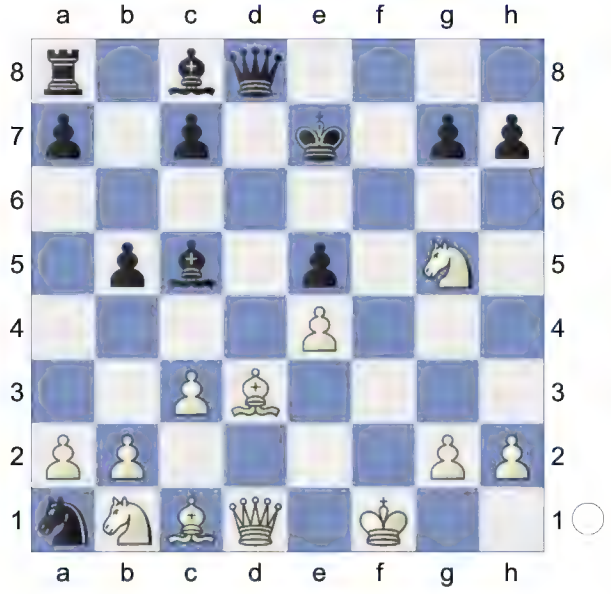


Discovered Attack **11.Rf1**

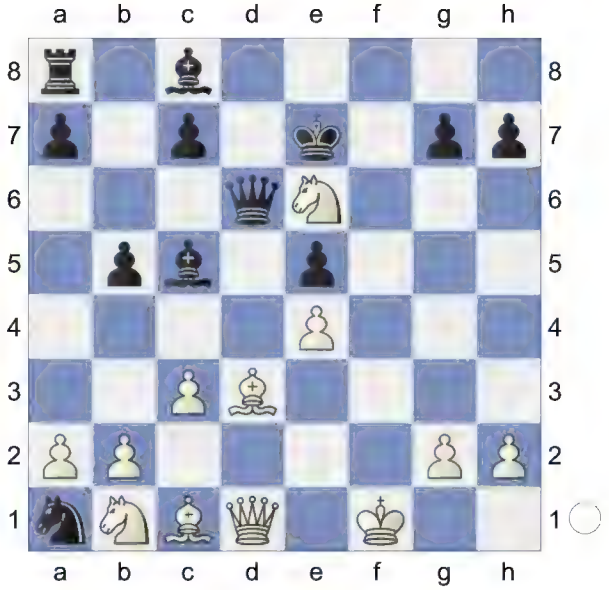
[11.cxd4? Qxd4 *(11...Nxf2? 12.Nc3-+)* 12.Qd2 *(12.Bxb5? Qxf2#; 12.0-0? Rxf2 13.Rxf2 Nxf2-+)* 12...Nxf2 *(12...Qxf2+ 13.Qxf2 Nxf2 14.Bxb5∓)* 13.Bxb5 Nxh1 14.Qxd4 Bxd4∓ *(14...exd4? 15.Nf3∓)*]

11...Rxf2 Decoy **12.Rxf2 Nxf2 13.Kxf2** And now Kg3! would win. **13...Nc2+ 14.Kf1 Nxa1**



15.Ne6! Double Attack **15...Qd6**

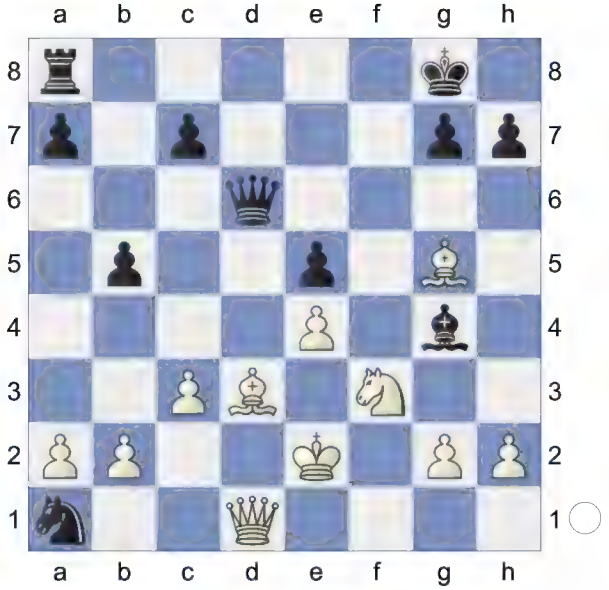
[15...Kxe6? 16.Bc4+ bxc4 17.Qxd8+-]



16.Nxc5 White is more active. **16...Qxc5 17.Bg5+ Kf8 18.Nd2 Kg8 19.Nf3**

[19.Qxa1 h6 20.Qd1 *(20.Bh4? Qe3-+)* 20...hxg5∓]

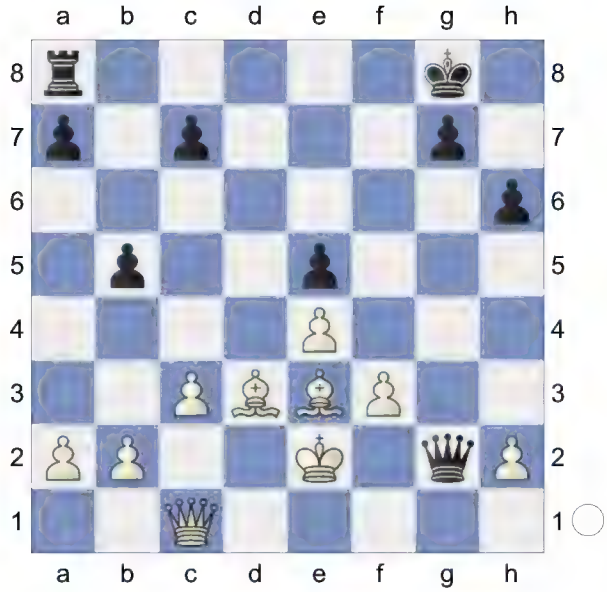
19...Qd6 20.Ke2 Bg4



21.Qxa1 Qg6 22.Qc1 h6 23.Be3 Bxf3+ 24.gxf3 Threatens to win with Qg1!

[24.Kxf3 Rf8+ 25.Ke2 Qxg2+ 26.Ke1 Qh1+ *(26...Qxh2 27.Kd1∓)* 27.Ke2 Qxh2+ 28.Kd1 Rf3∓]

24...Qg2+



25.Kd1! a6
[25...Rd8 26.Qd2 Qxf3+ 27.Kc2]

26.Qd2 Qxf3+ 27.Qe2 Qxe2+ 2.06/22
[27...Rf8± 1.25/20 28.Bd2 g6 29.Bxh6 Qxe2+ 30.Kxe2 Rf7]
28.Bxe2+- g5 29.c4 Kg7 30.Bd2
[But not 30.cxb5?! axb5 31.a3 *(31.Bxb5 Rxa2 32.Kc2 Kf6±)* 31...b4]
30...Kf6

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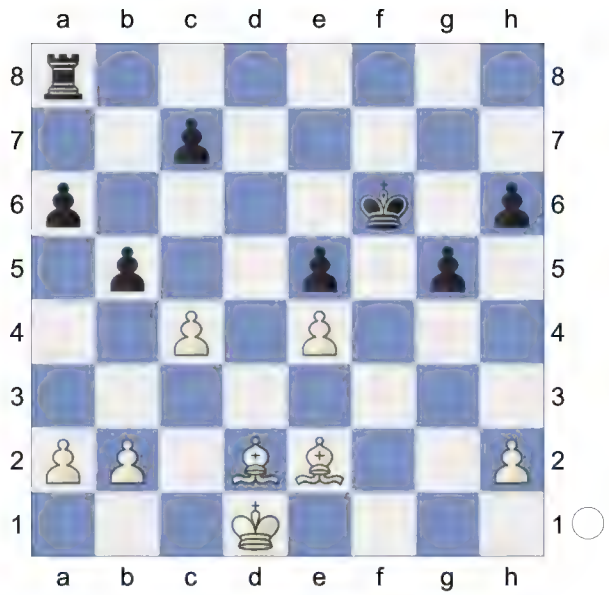
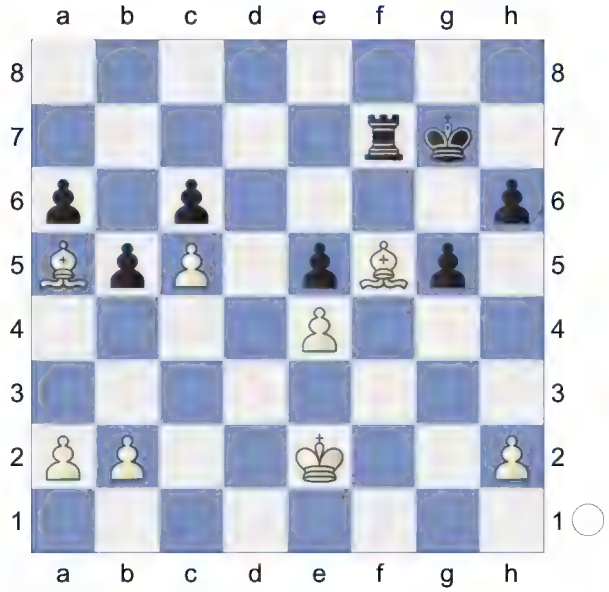


31.Ba5 c6 1.86/22
[31...Rd8+± 1.45/21 keeps fighting. 32.Kc2 bxc4]
32.c5 Hoping for Bg4. **32...Rb8?** 3.73/25
[32...h5 2.01/23 33.h3 *(33.Bxh5 Rh8+-)* 33...Rh8]
33.Bg4 aiming for Bd7. **33...Rb7 34.Ke2 Rf7 35.Bf5 Kg7**



36.Kf3 h5 37.Bd8 Kh6 38.Kg3

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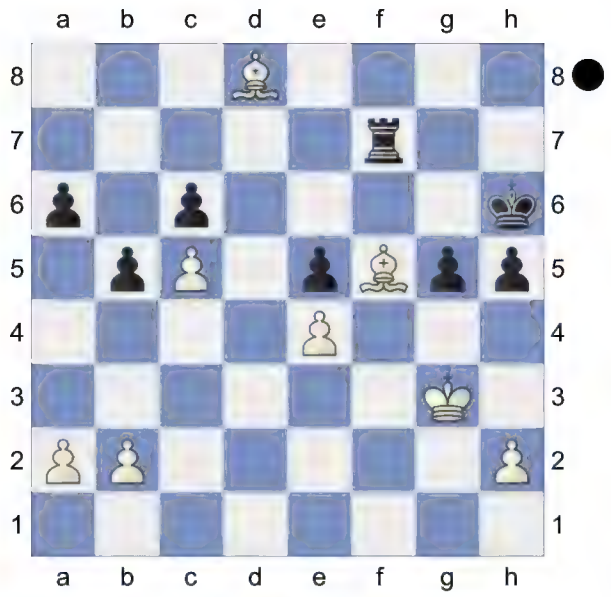

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□ **Frendzas,Panayotis** **2585**
■ **Csaba,Fodor** **1561**
T003-C57 LSS 17.01.2020
[Kitty Kat]

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[4.d3

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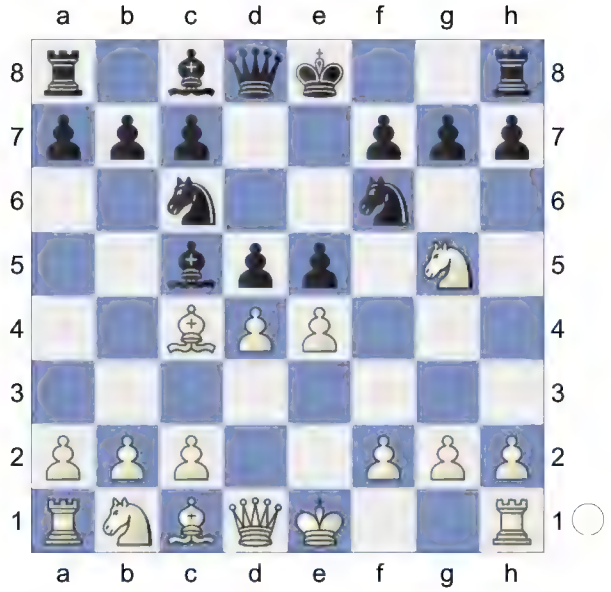

6.Bxd5 Bb4+ 7.c3 Nxd5 8.exd5 White is better. **8...Be7 9.dxc6 Bxg5 10.cxb7 Bxb7**

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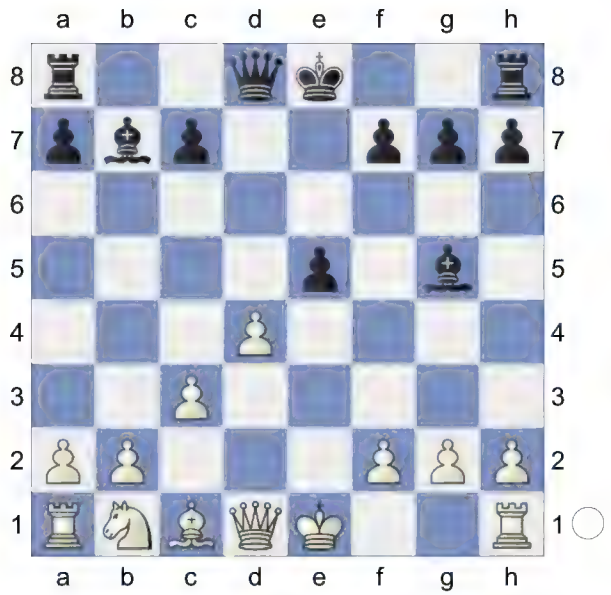
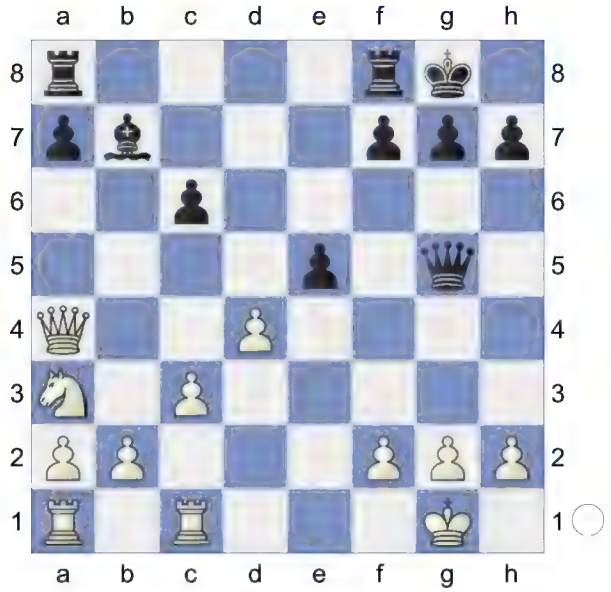


A strong pair of Bishops. **11.Qa4+**
[11.dxe5 Bxc1 *(11...Bxg2 12.Qxd8+* Remove Defender *Rxd8 13.Bxg5±)* 12.Qxc1 Qd5∓ *(12...Bxg2 13.Rg1±)*]
11...c6 12.0-0 Bxc1 13.Rxc1 Qg5 14.Na3 Threatens to win with Re1.
14...0-0



aiming for ...c5! **15.Qb4 Rab8**

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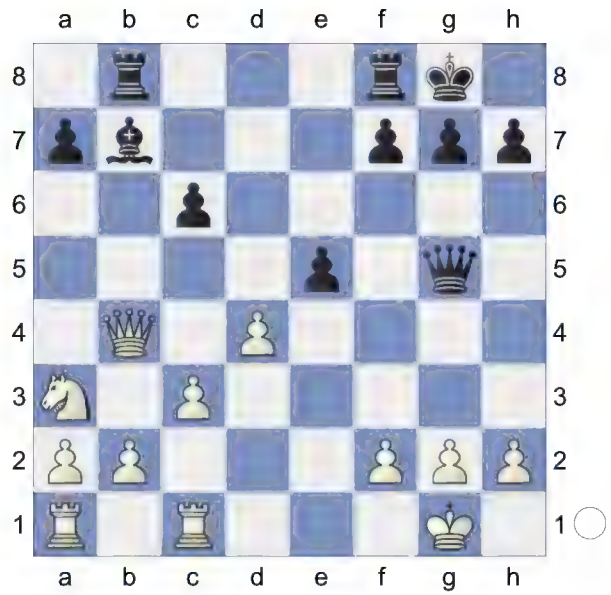

And now ...c5! would win. **16.Qc5 Bc8 17.Rc2**
[17.Qxa7? Bh3 *(17...Rxb2 18.Qc5=)* 18.g3 Qh5-+ *(18...Rxb2? 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.Qe3-+)*]
17...Be6 18.dxe5
[18.Qxe5 simplifies Qxe5 19.dxe5 a5 20.b3]
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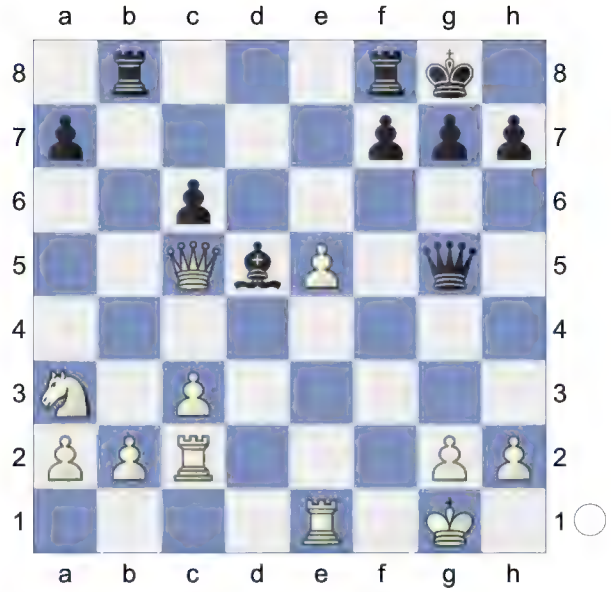

21.b3 Be6 22.Nc4 Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rbe8 24.e6 White is more active.
24...Rxe6 25.Rxe6 fxe6
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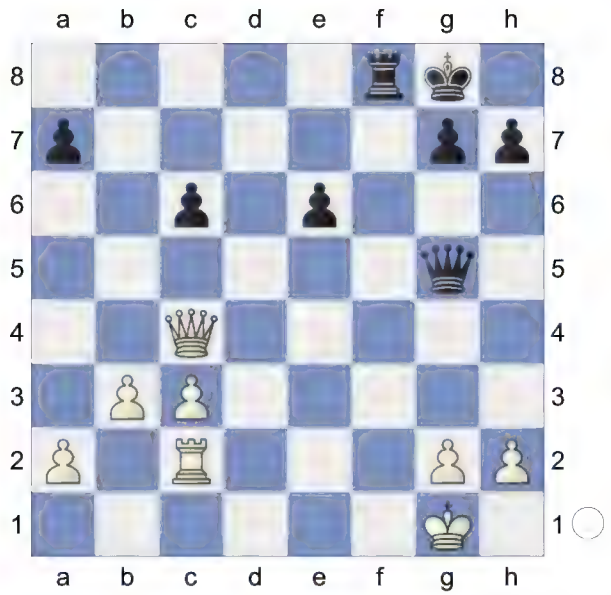
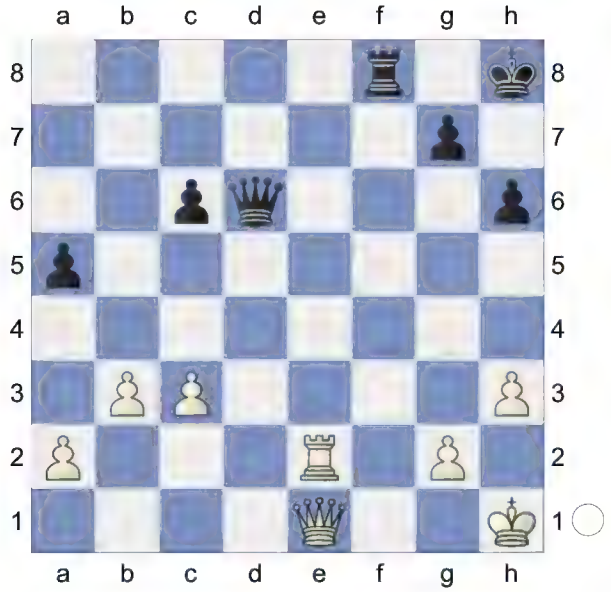


26.Qxe6+± Endgame. KQR-KQR
[26.Qxc6? Qe3+]
26...Kh8 (-> ...Qc5+) **27.h3**
[27.Qxc6? is a self mate. Qe3+]
27...h6 28.Qe1
[Much weaker is 28.Qxc6?! Qe3+ 29.Kh2 Rf1=]
28...Qc5+ 29.Kh1 a5 30.Re2 Qd6



31.b4 a4 32.a3 c5 33.Re8 cxb4
34.cxb4 Black must now prevent Rxf8+.
34...Kg8

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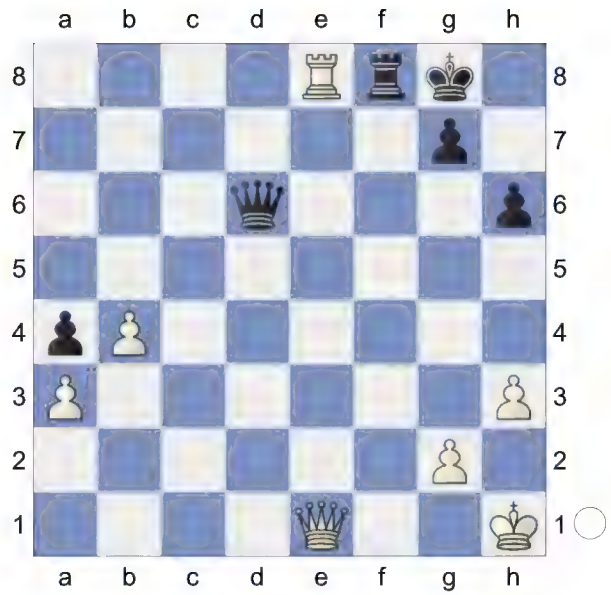
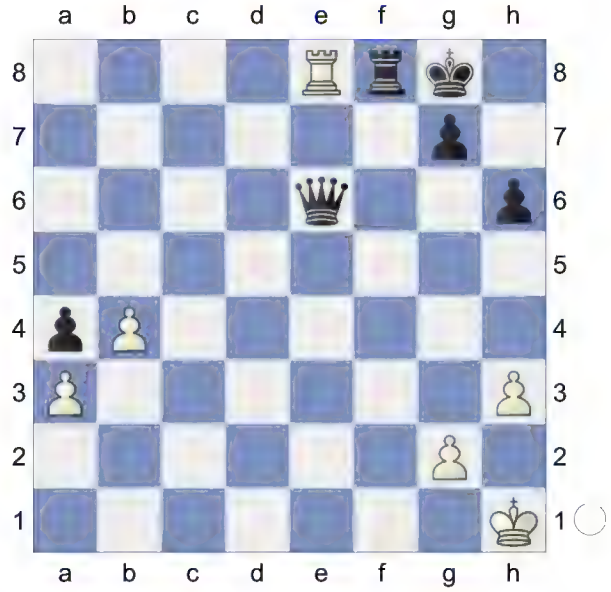
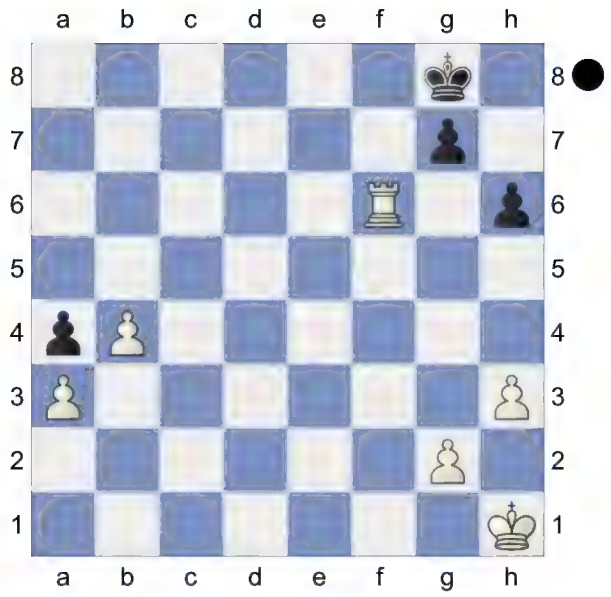


35.Qe6+ 0.97/23
[35.Qe4!+- 2.25/23]
35...Qxe6



36.Rxe6 Hoping for Ra6. **36...Rf6?** #17/25
[36...Rf1+± 1.21/24 37.Kh2 Ra1 *(37...Kh8? 38.Re8+ Kh7 39.Ra8+-)*]
37.Rxf6

(Diagram)



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6 **C57**
□ **Ninov,Nikolai** **2536**
■ **Goldsztejn,Gildas** **2339**
La Fere op 6th (2) 08.07.2007
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

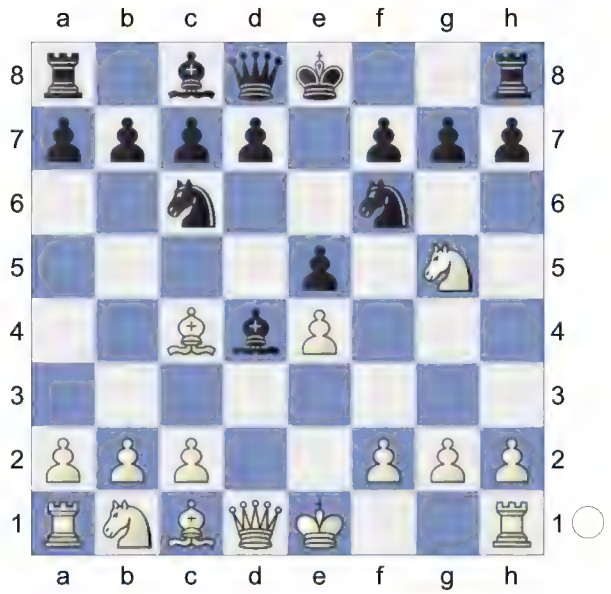
A) 4...h6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 1-0 (64) Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana,F (2820) Paris GCT Blitz 2021 (2);

B) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)) 8.a3 *(8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902) 8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4);

C) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 Bxd4 1.76/22

[5...d5= 0.27/21 and Black is okay. 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4]



6.c3 0.90/19

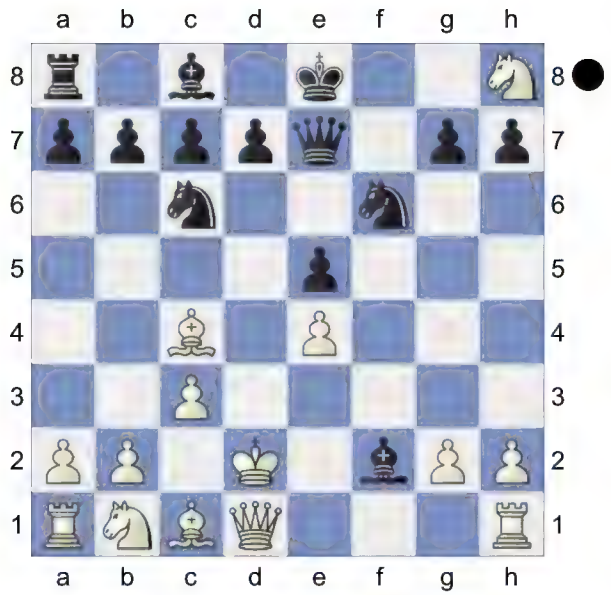
[6.Bxf7+ Kf8 7.Bb3 Qe8=]

[6.Nxf7+- 1.76/22 Qe7 7.Nxh8]

6...Bb6 7.Nxf7 Qe7 8.Nxh8 White is better. **8...Bxf2+** Decoy **9.Kd2?** -0.91/22

[9.Kxf2± 0.87/23 and life is bright. aiming for Bf7+. Qc5+ 10.Be3 Qxc4 *(10...Nxe4+? 11.Kf3+-)* 11.Nd2]

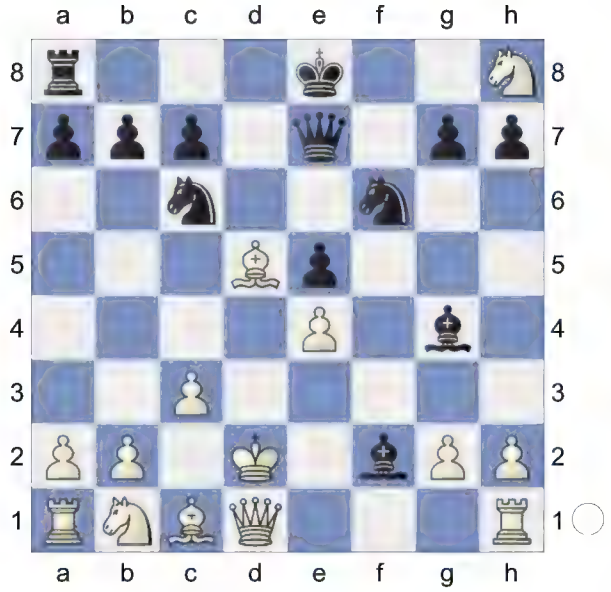
(Diagram)



9...d5!∓ 10.Bxd5 -1.14/22

[10.exd5= -0.22/20 keeps the balance. Bg4 11.Qa4 Pin *(11.Qf1 0-0-0=)*]

10...Bg4!



Some like it hot **11.Bf7+** -1.71/25

[11.Ng6? Qc5-+]

[11.Bxc6+∓ -0.87/24 bxc6 12.Qa4 Qd7+ 13.Kc2 Nxe4 14.Qc4 *(14.Qxe4? Bf5-+* Pin *)*]

11...Kf8-+ 12.Qf1 Nxe4+

[12...Rd8+?! 13.Kc2 Bd1+ *(13...Nxe4 14.b3=)* 14.Qxd1 Rxd1 15.Rxd1=]

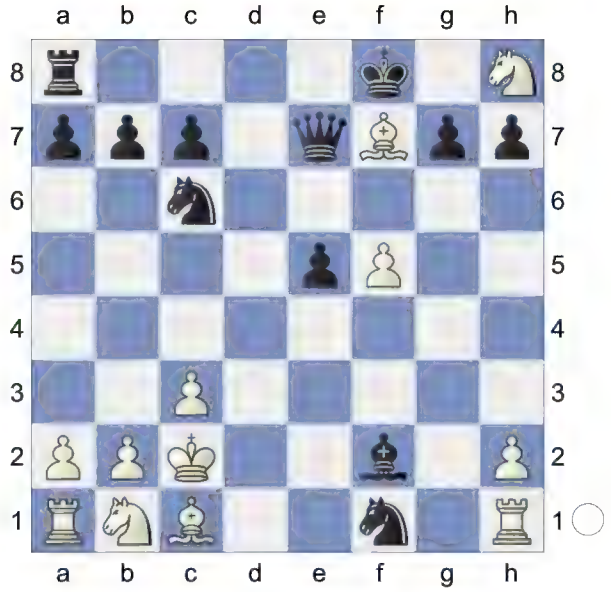
13.Kc2 Bf5↑ Black is on the roll. **14.g4** -2.41/23

[⌂14.Bg6 -1.83/22 Ng3+ *(14...Bxg6? 15.Nxg6+ hxg6 16.Qe2+-; 14...hxg6 15.g4∓)* 15.Bxf5 Nxf1 16.Bxh7]

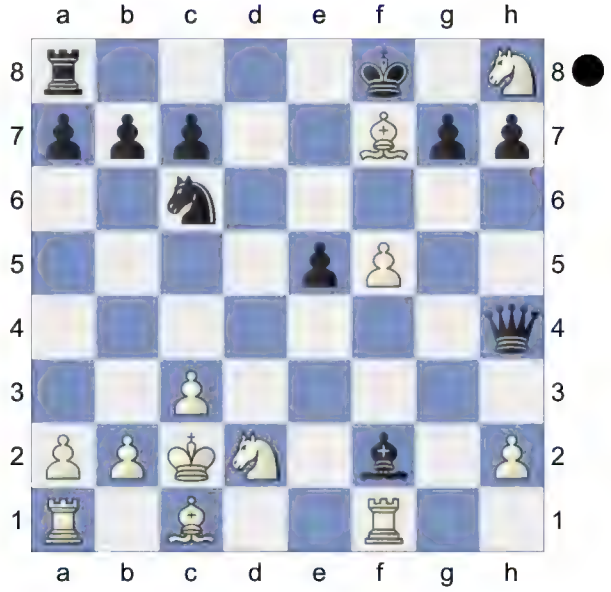
14...Ng3+ Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack

[14...Bxg4 15.Ng6+ hxg6 16.Bxg6=]

15.gxf5 Nxf1



Active counter play! **16.Rxf1 Qh4 17.Nd2**



Dodges Qe4+ **17...e4!**
[17...Qxh2 18.b4 Qg2 19.b5]
18.Nc4 e3 19.Bxe3 Bxe3
[19...Qe4+ 20.Kb3 Bxe3 21.a3]
20.a4 Bf2

21.Be6 Nd8 Against Nf7. Threatens to win with ...Nxe6! **22.Ne5?** -4.20/25
[22.Kb3 -2.18/20]
22...Qe4+
[22...Qxh2? 23.Nhg6+ *(23.Nd7+? Ke7-+)* 23...hxg6 24.Nxg6+ Ke8 25.Rh1+-]
23.Nd3 Qe2+ 24.Kb3 Qxd3 25.Rxf2 Nxe6

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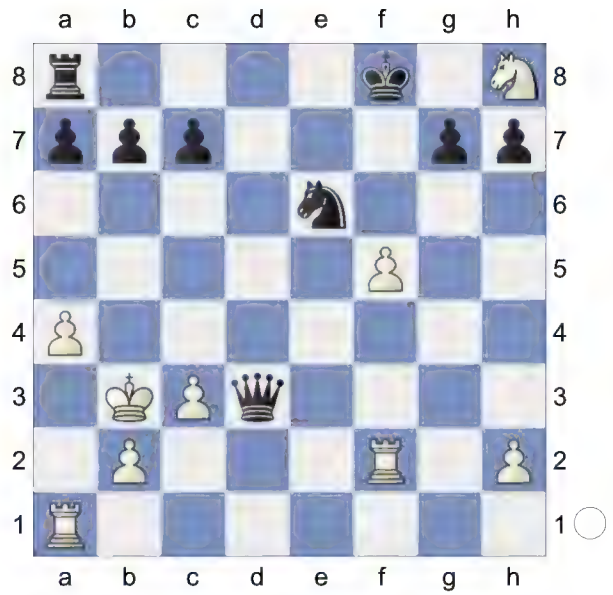

26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.e7 Qe3? -0.86/22
[27...Kxh8 28.Rf8+]
[27...Qd5+-+ -4.58/23 has better winning chances. 28.c4 Qd3+ 29.Ka2 Qxc4+ *(29...Kxh8 30.Rf8+* Back Rank *)* 30.b3 Qh4]
28.Rf7∓ Qe6+
[28...Kxh8 29.Rf8+]
[28...Re8?! 29.Raf1 Qe6+ *(29...Kxh8 30.Rf8+* Back Rank *)* 30.Kb4 a5+ *(30...Kxh8 31.Rf8+)* 31.Ka3 Qd6+ *(31...Kxh8 32.Rf8+)* 32.Ka2 Qe6+ *(32...Kxh8 33.Rf8+* Back Rank *)* 33.Ka3 *(33.Ka1 Qc8=)* 33...Qd6+ *(33...Kxh8 34.Rf8+)* 34.Ka2 Qe6+ *(34...Kxh8 35.Rf8+* Back Rank *)* 35.Ka3= *(35.Ka1 h6=)*]
29.c4? -4.94/21
[29.Ka3∓ -0.63/22]
29...Qxf7? 0.01/19
[29...Kxh8? 30.Rf8++-]
[29...Re8-+ -4.94/21 30.Raf1 h6 *(30...Kxh8 31.Rf8+; 30...Qe3+ 31.Ka2=)* 31.Rf8+ Kh7 32.Rxe8 Qh3+ 33.Kb4 Qxf1]
30.Nxf7= Kxf7-+

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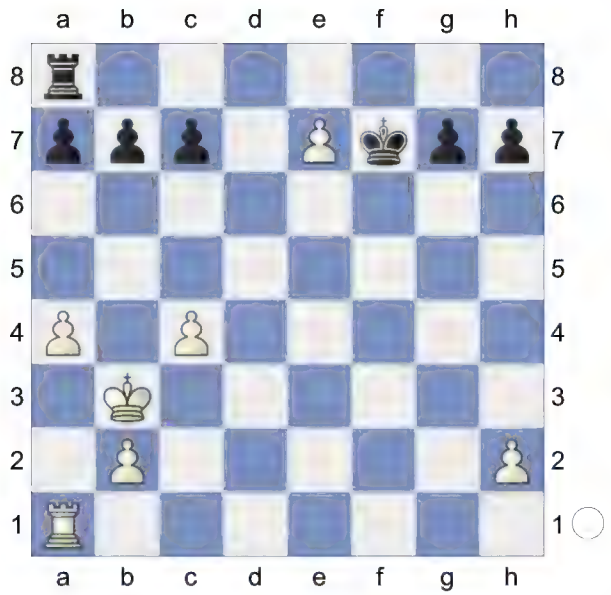
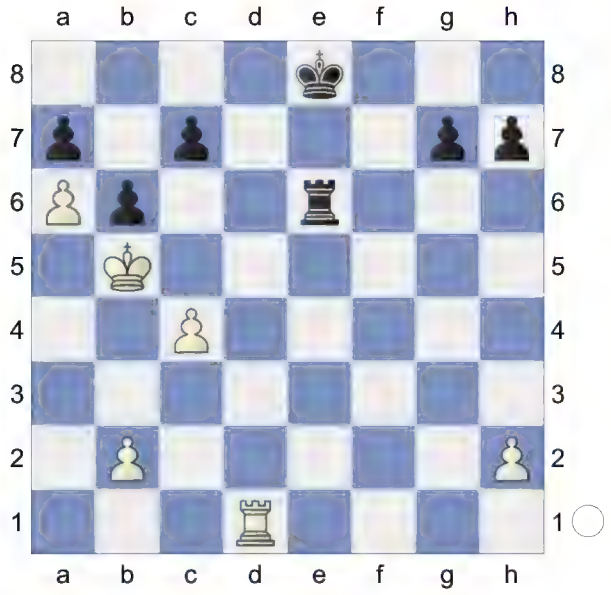
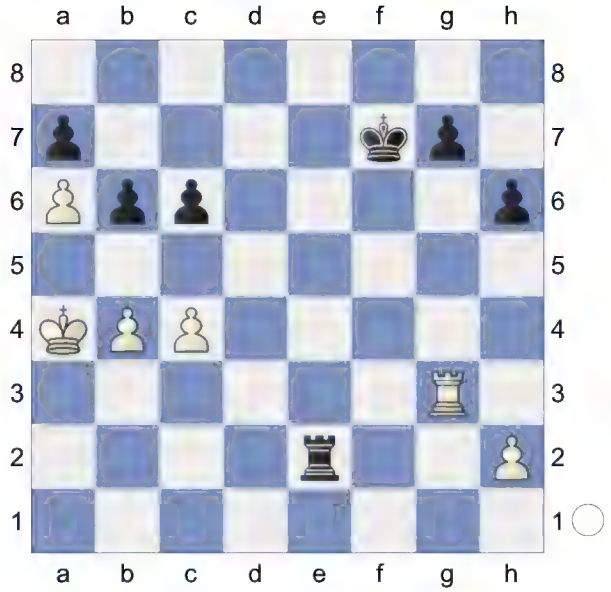


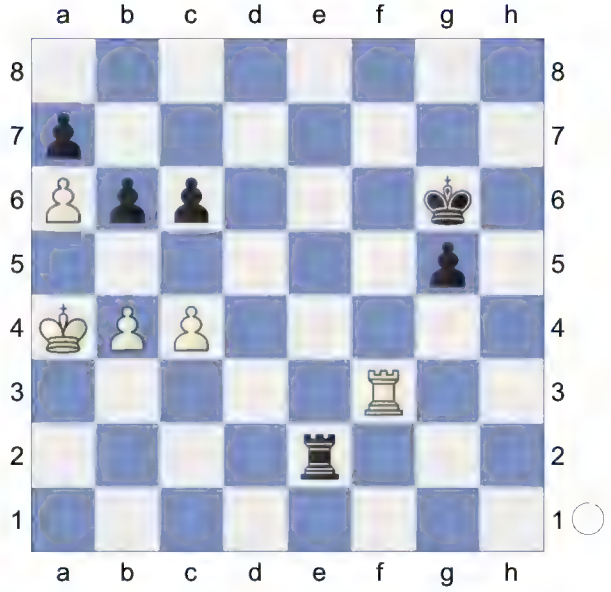
Endgame. KR-KR **31.a5 Re8 32.a6 b6**
[32...Rxe7? 33.axb7 Re3+ 34.Ka4+-]
33.Kb4 Rxe7
[33...Kxe7 34.Kb3=]
34.Rd1 Ke8! 35.Kb5 Re6



36.b4 c6+ 37.Ka4 Ke7 -0.41/23
[37...Re4∓ -0.86/23 38.Kb3 Re3+ 39.Ka2 Re2+ 40.Kb3 Rxh2 41.Re1+ Kf7 42.Rf1+ Kg8]
38.Rd3∓ Re2 39.Rh3 h6 40.Rg3 Kf7
[40...Rxh2 41.Rxg7+ Kd6 42.Rxa7=]

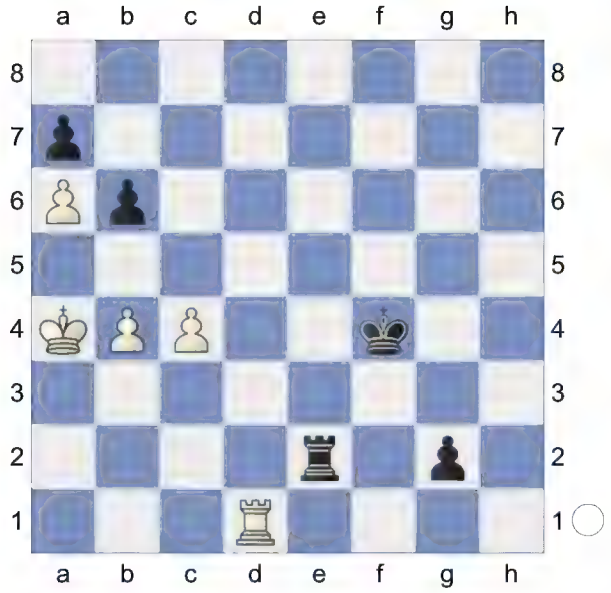


41.Rd3! Ke7 42.Rg3! g5
[42...Rxh2 43.Rxg7+ Kd6 44.Rxa7=]
43.h4 -1.72/25 Black converts the advantage convincingly. **43...Kf6**
[43...Ra2+ 44.Kb3 Rxa6 45.hxg5 hxg5 46.Rxg5=]
44.hxg5+ hxg5 ...Ra2+ is the strong threat. **45.Rf3+ Kg6**

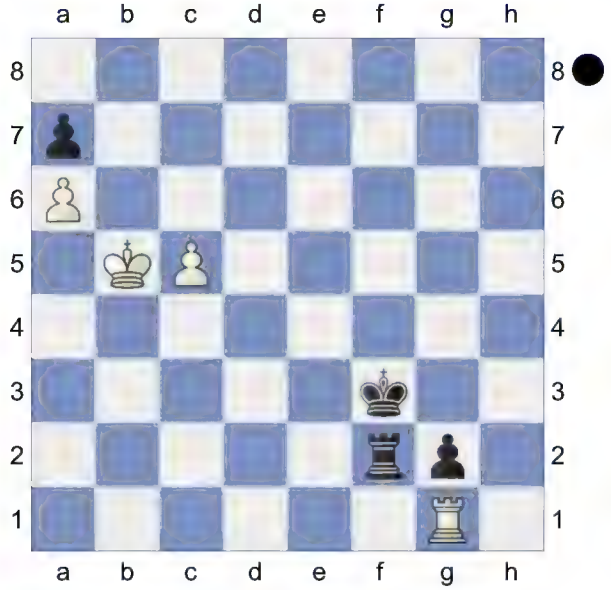


46.Rd3 -2.52/24
[⌂46.Kb3 -1.79/25]
46...g4-+ 47.Rd6+ Kf5 48.Rxc6?

-6.06/26
[48.Rd7 -2.87/21 Ra2+ Skewer 49.Kb3 Rxa6 50.Rf7+ Kg6 51.Rf2]
48...g3 49.Rd6 g2 50.Rd1 Kf4



51.c5 bxc5 52.bxc5 Rf2 (-> ...Rf1) **53.Rg1 Kf3** ...Ra2+ would now be deadly. **54.Kb5**



Ra2!
[54...Rf1 55.Rxg2 Kxg2 56.Kc6=]
55.Rc1 Kf2

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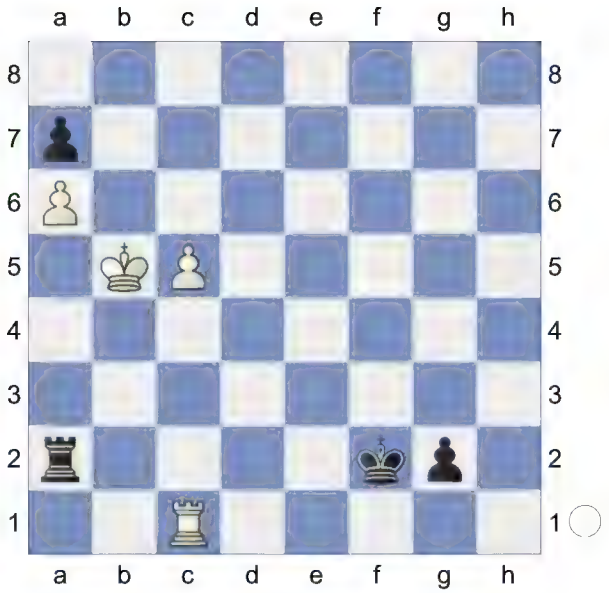
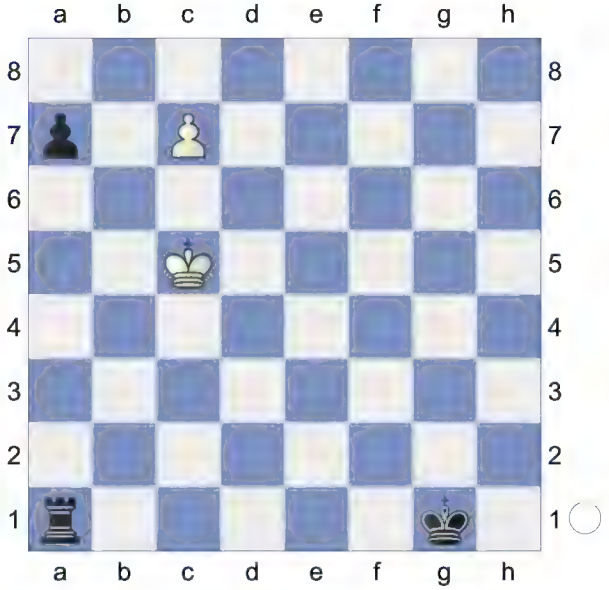


56.c6 g1Q
[56...g1B 57.c7+-]
57.Rxg1 Black mates. **57...Kxg1 58.Kc5 Rxa6 59.c7 Ra1**
[Don't go for 59...Ra5+? 60.Kb4 Rg5 61.c8Q+- *(61.c8R a5+ 62.Kc3 a4=)*]



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□ **Frendzas,Panayotis** **2527**
■ **Kahl,Fred** **2345**
4. LSS WCH S-00006 28.07.2016
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

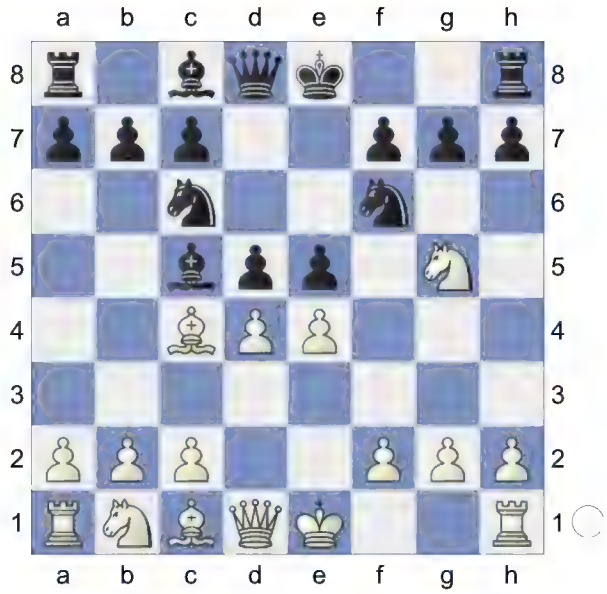
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!



6.Bxd5

[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]

6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White has an edge. **8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 10.c3 Ng4**

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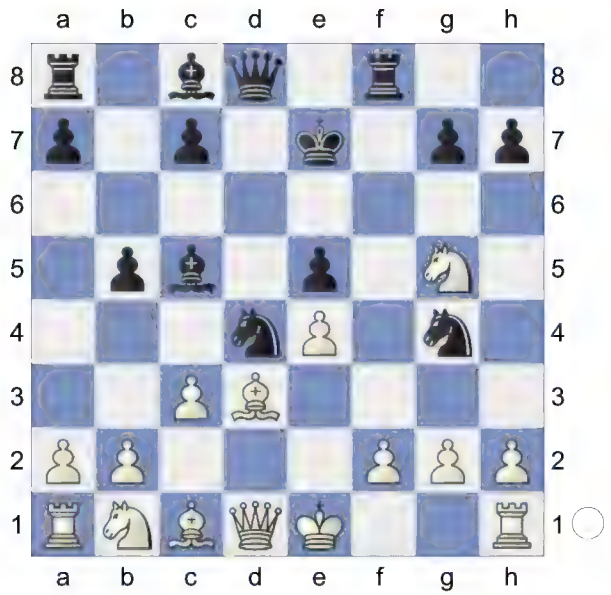

Discovered Attack **11.Rf1** 0.38/23

[11.cxd4 Qxd4 *(11...Nxf2? 12.Qe2-+)* 12.Qd2 *(12.Bxb5? Qxf2#; 12.0-0? Rxf2 13.Rxf2 Nxf2-+)* 12...Nxf2 *(12...Qxf2+ 13.Qxf2 Nxf2 14.Bxb5∓)* 13.Bxb5 Nxh1 14.Qxd4 Bxd4∓ *(14...exd4 15.Nf3∓)*]

[11.Nxh7 Nf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxf2 13.Bg5+ Rf6∓]

[11.Nh3!± 0.85/21]

11...Nxf2!± Decoy **12.Rxf2 Rxf2 13.Kxf2 Nc2+** 1.38/21

[⌓13...Nb3+ 1.00/23 14.Ke2 Nxa1 15.Bxb5 Bg4+ 16.Nf3 Qxd1+ 17.Kxd1 Rd8+ 18.Ke2 Bxf3+ 19.gxf3 Rd6]

14.Kf1!± Nxa1

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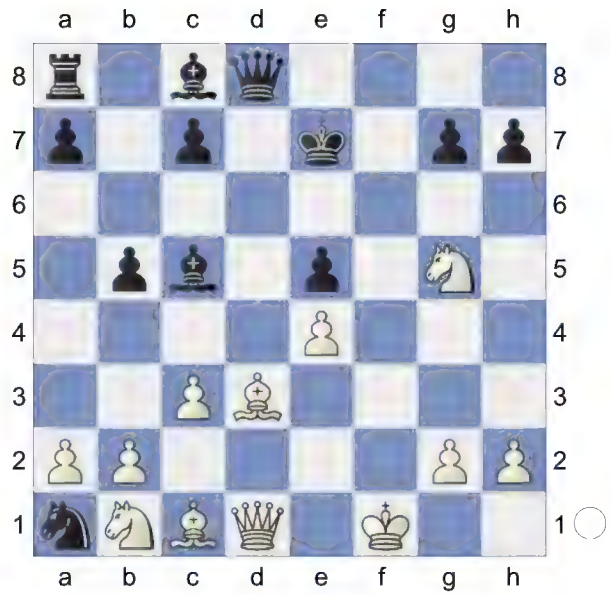
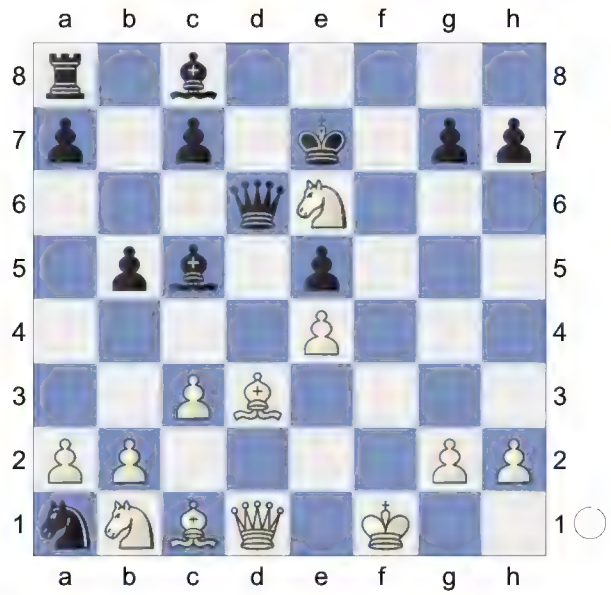


15.Ne6! Double Attack **15...Qd6**

[15...Bxe6 16.Bg5+ Kf8 17.Bxd8 Rxd8 18.b3+-]

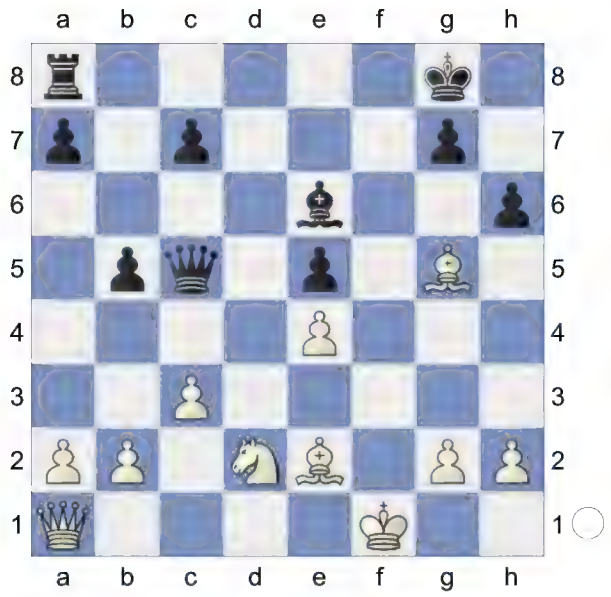
[15...Kxe6? 16.Bc4+ bxc4 17.Qxd8+-]



16.Nxc5 White is more active. **16...Qxc5 17.Bg5+ Kf7 18.Nd2 Kg8 19.Be2**

[19.Qxa1? h6 20.Bxh6 *(20.Bh4? Qe3-+)* 20...Qd6 *(20...gxh6 21.Qe1∓)* 21.Bxb5 Qxh6∓ *(21...gxh6 22.Nf3∓)*]

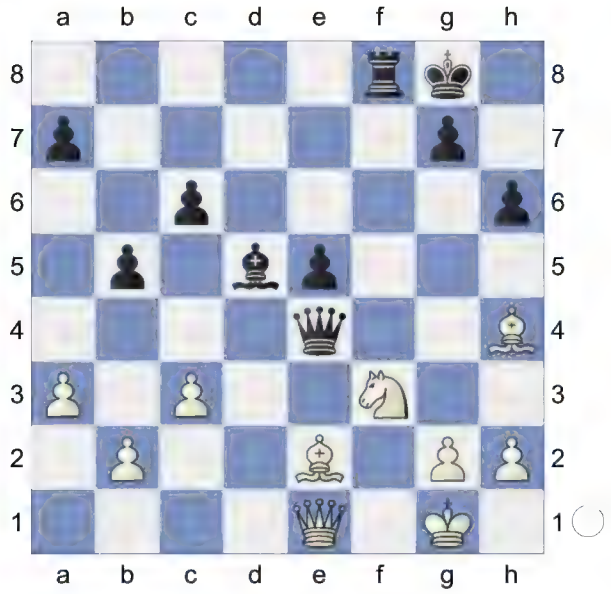
19...Be6 20.Qxa1 h6



21.Bh4 Rf8+ 22.Nf3 Qe3 White must now prevent ...Rxf3+! **23.Qe1**

[23.Bxb5? Rxf3+ 24.gxf3 Bh3#]

23...Qxe4 24.Kg1 c6 25.a3 Bd5



26.Bf1 Qxe1 27.Bxe1

[Don't do 27.Nxe1?! Bc4 28.Bxc4+ bxc4=]

27...Bxf3 28.gxf3 White is clearly better. **28...Rxf3 29.Bg3 e4**

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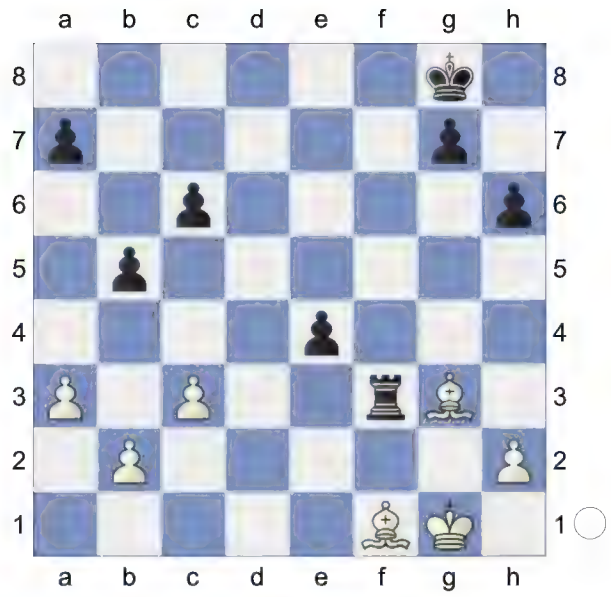
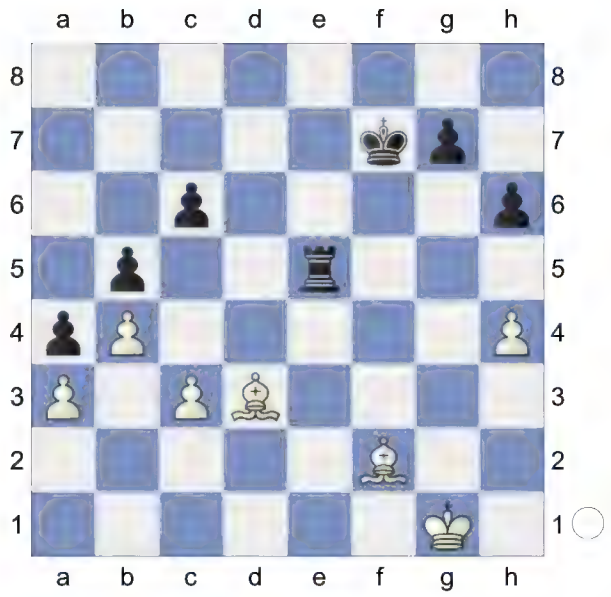


30.Bg2! Skewer. White has strong compensation. **30...Rf6**

[Reject 30...Re3 31.Kf2 Rd3 32.Ke2+- *(32.Bxe4 Rd2+ 33.Ke3 Rxb2+-)*]

31.Bxe4 Kf7 32.Bf2 a5 33.b4 a4 34.h4 Re6 35.Bd3 Re5

(Diagram)



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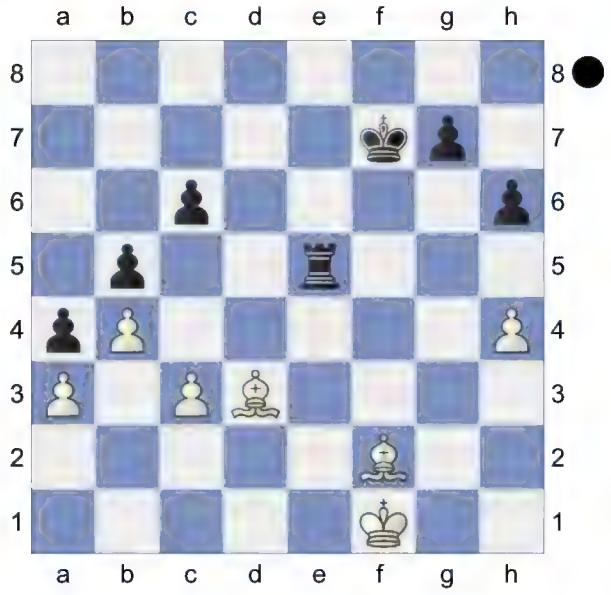

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8 **C57**
□ **Pijpers,Arthur** **2476**
■ **Van Foreest,Lucas** **2350**
Amsterdam Batavia Grolsch blitz 8th (3)
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
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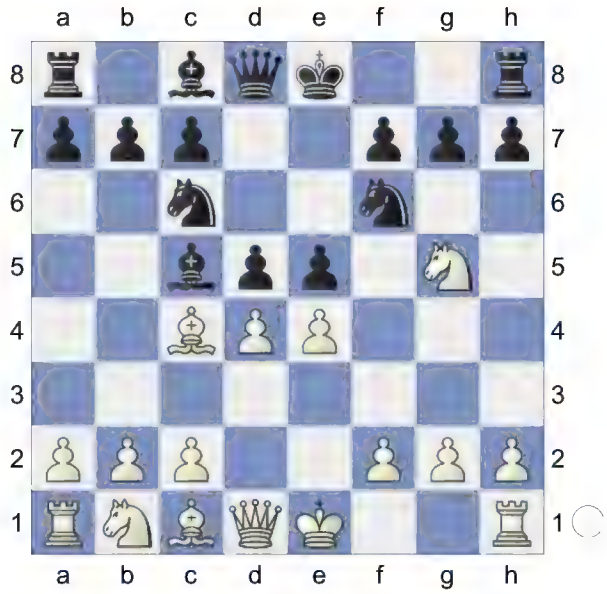


6.Bxd5 Bxd4 2.26/19
[6...Nxd5± 0.36/19 7.dxc5 Ndb4]
7.Nxf7+-
[7.Bxf7+ Ke7±]
7...Qe7 8.Nxh8 White is clearly better.
8...Ng4

(Diagram)

9.Be3 Bxb2

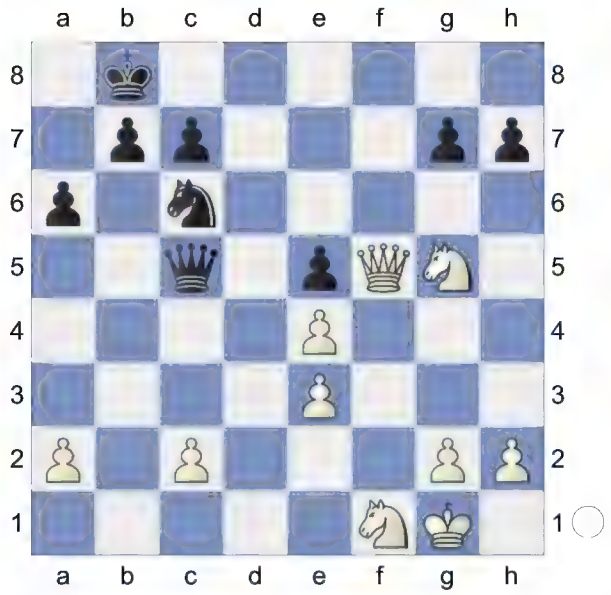
10.Nd2! Bxa1

(Diagram)

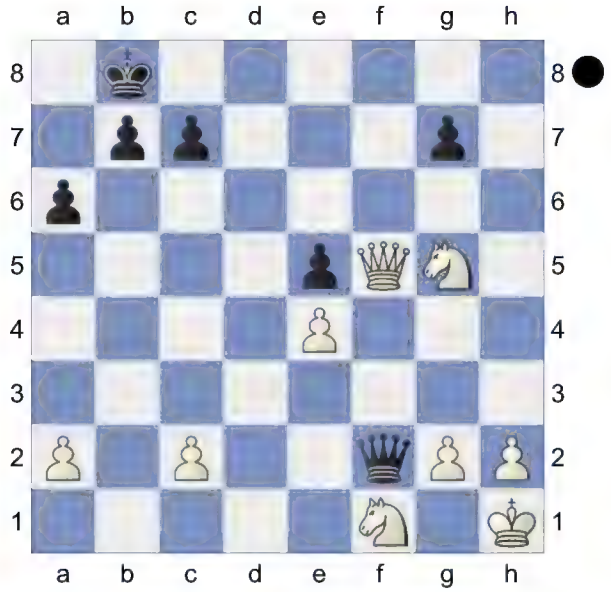
11.Qxa1 Black must now prevent 0-0.
11...Nxe3 12.fxe3 Be6 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.Nf7 Rf8 15.Bxe6+
[15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Qxf1 Bxd5±]
15...Qxe6

16.Ng5 Qe7 17.Rxf8+
[17.Nxh7 Rh8±]
17...Qxf8 18.Qf1 Qc5 19.Qf5+ Kb8 20.Nf1
[Not 20.Qxh7 Qxe3+ *(20...Qxc2 21.Qh8+)* 21.Kf1 Qxd2 *(21...Qxg5 22.Qh8+ Qd8 23.Qxd8+ Nxd8 24.Kf2±)* 22.Qh8+ Nd8±]

20...a6 5.51/22
[20...h6 3.85/21 was worth a try.
21.Qf7 Qe7 22.Qxe7 Nxe7]



21.Qxh7 White is clearly winning.
21...Nd4 22.exd4 Qxd4+ 23.Kh1 Qf2 24.Qf5



White took control after the opening.
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9 **C57**
□ **Cvak,Rudolf** **2461**
■ **Renard,Stephane** **2304**
WS TT/5/17/fin email 05.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5

[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]

6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3 h6 10.Nf3 Ng4**

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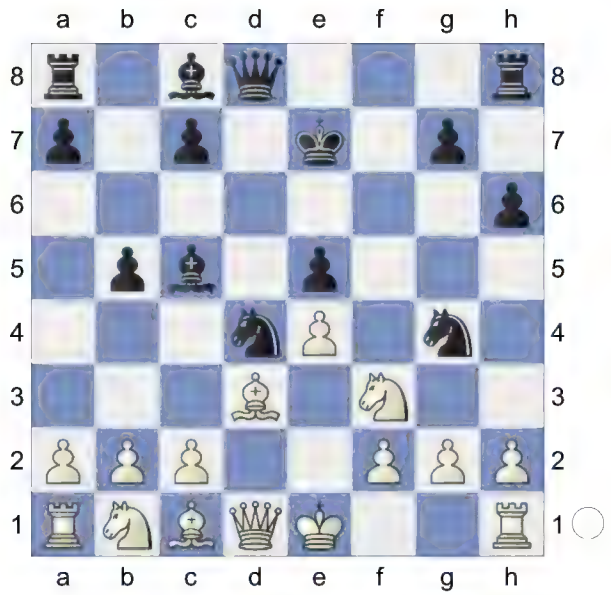
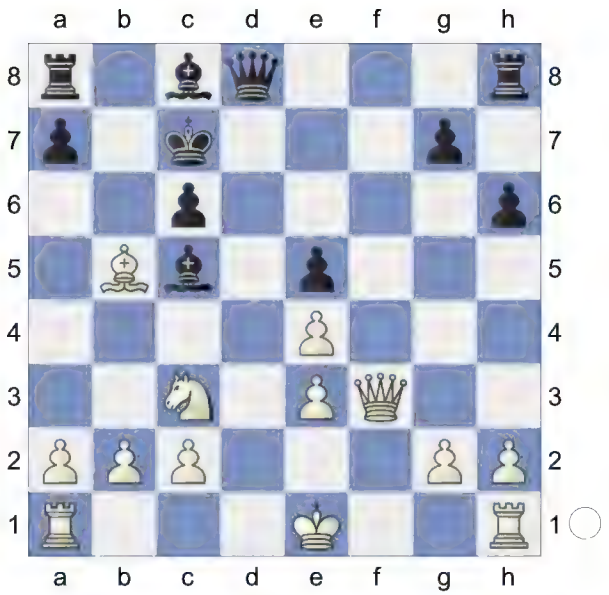


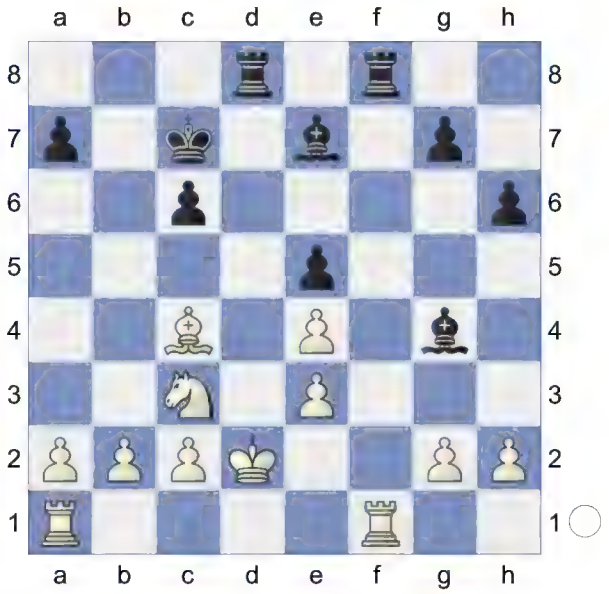
11.Be3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Kd6 14.Bxb5 Strongly threatening Nc3. **14...c6**

15.Nc3 Kc7
[15...Qh4+ 16.g3]

(Diagram)



16.Qf7+ Qe7 17.Qxe7+ Bxe7 A strong pair of Bishops. **18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rf1 Bg4 20.Kd2 Rad8+**



21.Bd3 Rf6 22.Rxf6 gxf6 23.h3 Be6 24.Ke2 h5 25.h4 Rg8

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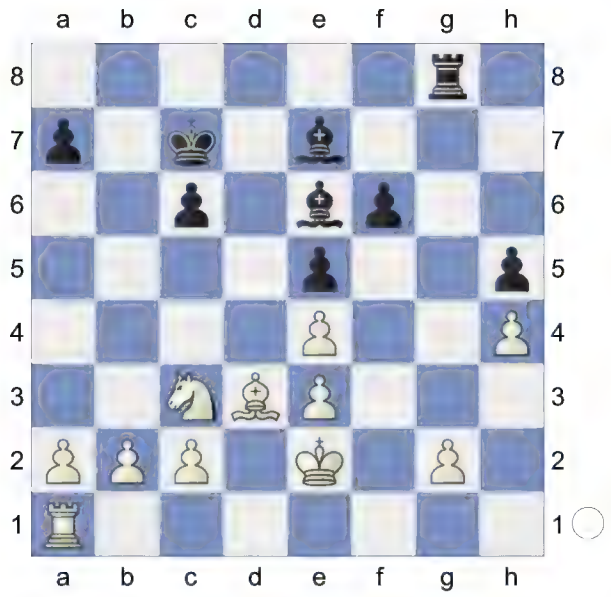
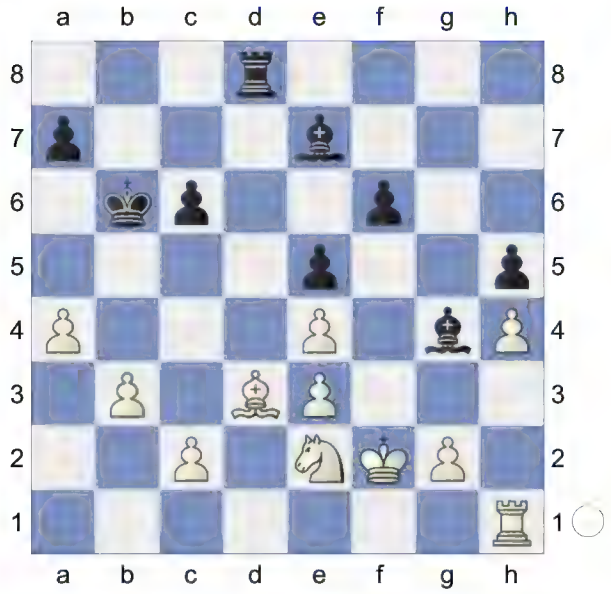
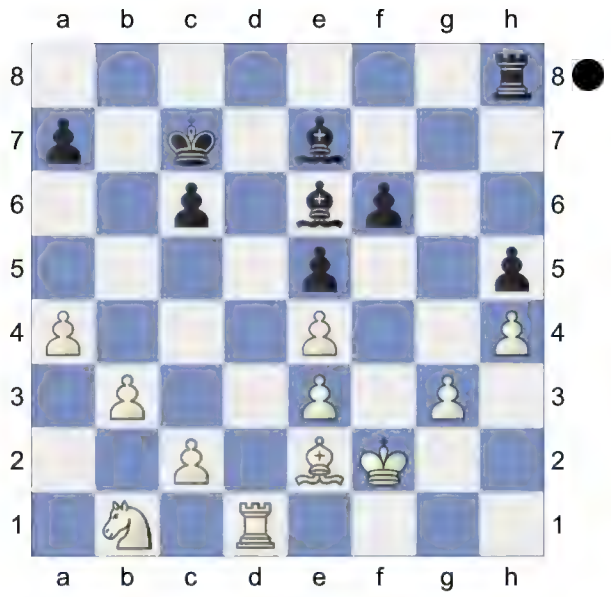


26.Kf2 Rg4 27.Rh1 Rg8 28.b3 Rd8 29.Ne2 Bg4 30.a4 1.09/24
[30.Rf1+- 1.61/19]
30...Kb6±



31.Nc3 Be6 32.Rd1 Rf8 33.g3
White is clearly better. **33...Kc7** 1.77/21
[33...Ka5± 1.36/20 34.Be2 Rh8]
34.Be2+- Rh8 35.Nb1

(Diagram)



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10 **C57**
□ **Cvak,Rudolf** **2461**
■ **Schneider,German** **2416**
WSTT/5/17/F ICCF 05.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

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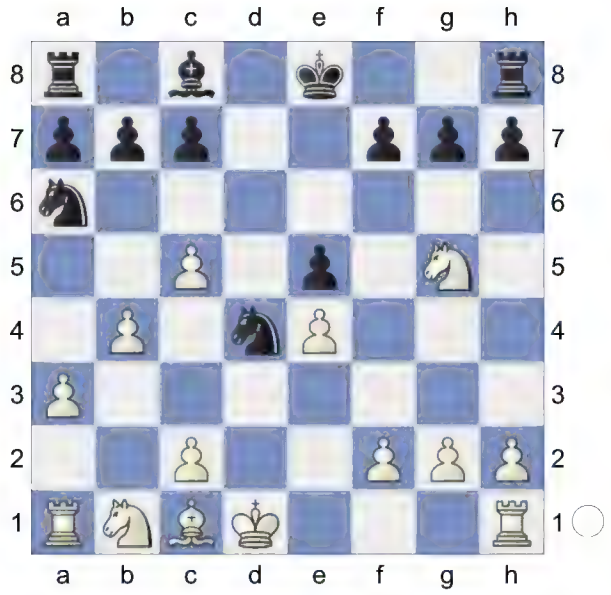

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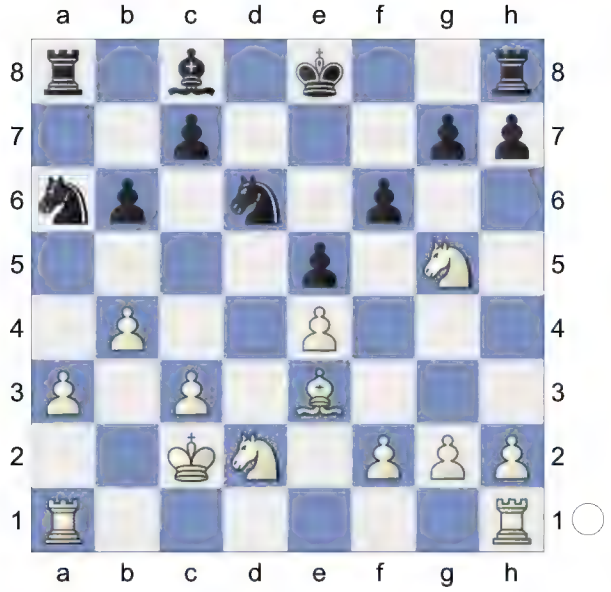
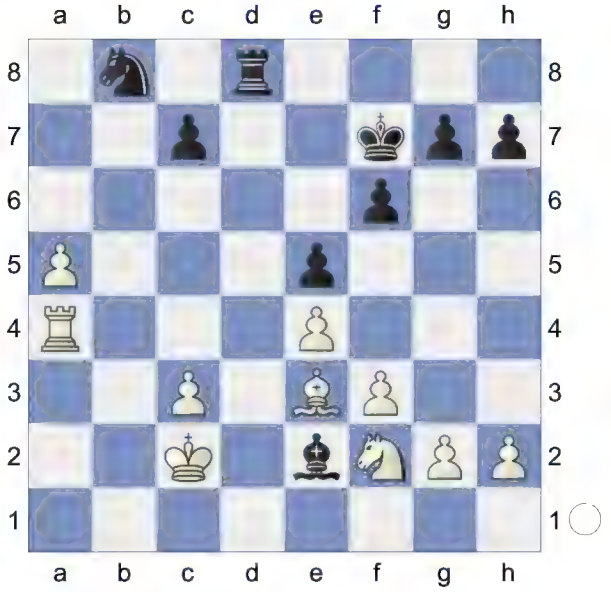


16.Nh3 Bd7 17.a4 Nb8 18.a5 bxa5 19.Rxa5 Rxa5 20.bxa5 Bb5

(Diagram)

21.f3 Kf7 22.Ra1 Nc4 23.Nxc4 Bxc4 24.Nf2 Rd8 Against Nd3 **25.Ra4 Be2**



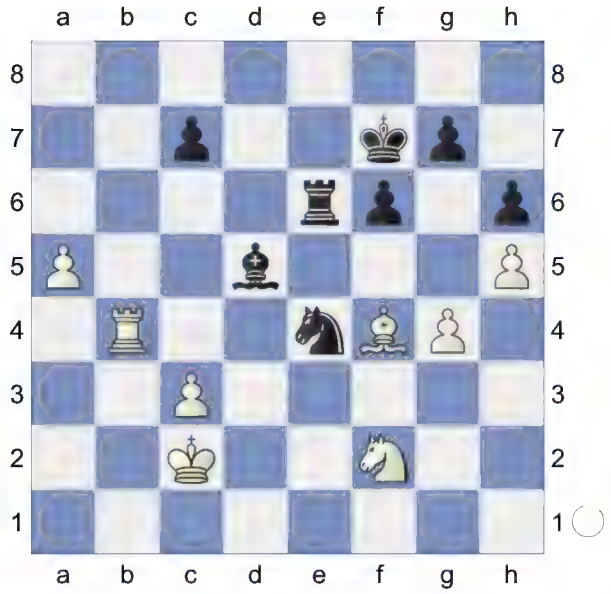
26.f4 Na6 27.h4 exf4 28.Bxf4 Bb5 29.Ra1 Re8 30.Rb1 Bc4

(Diagram)

31.Kd2 h6 32.h5 Re6 33.g4 Nc5 34.Rb4!

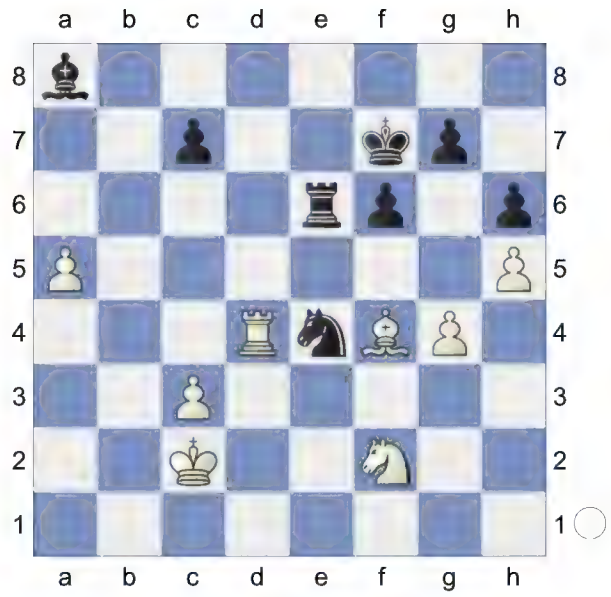
[34.Bxc7 Nxe4+ 35.Nxe4 Rxe4=]

34...Nxe4+ 35.Kc2! Bd5



36.Rd4! Ba8

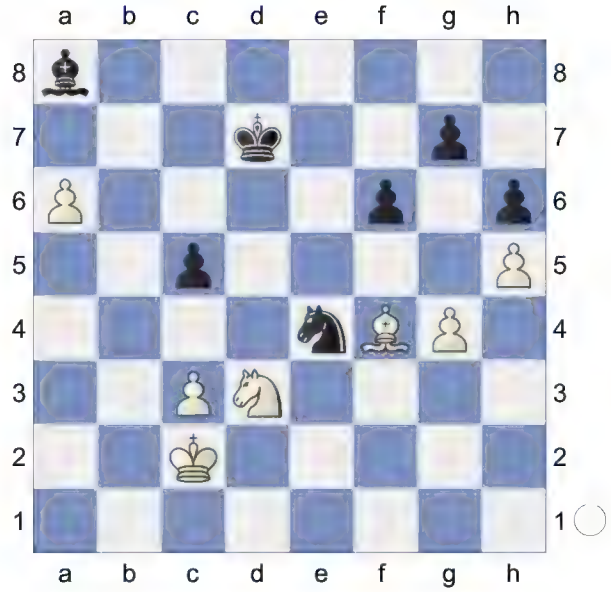
(Diagram)



37.Nd3

[Don't take 37.Nxe4 Rxe4 38.Kd3 *(38.Bxc7 Rxd4 39.cxd4 Ke7=)* 38...Rxd4+ 39.Kxd4 *(39.cxd4 Ke6±)* 39...g5 40.hxg6+ *(40.Bxc7 Bf3=)* 40...Kxg6=]

37...c5 38.Rd7+ Re7 39.Rxe7+ Kxe7 40.a6 Dodges Bb7 **40...Kd7**



41.a7 Kc6 42.c4 White is more active. **42...Kb6 43.Bb8 Bc6 44.Kc1**

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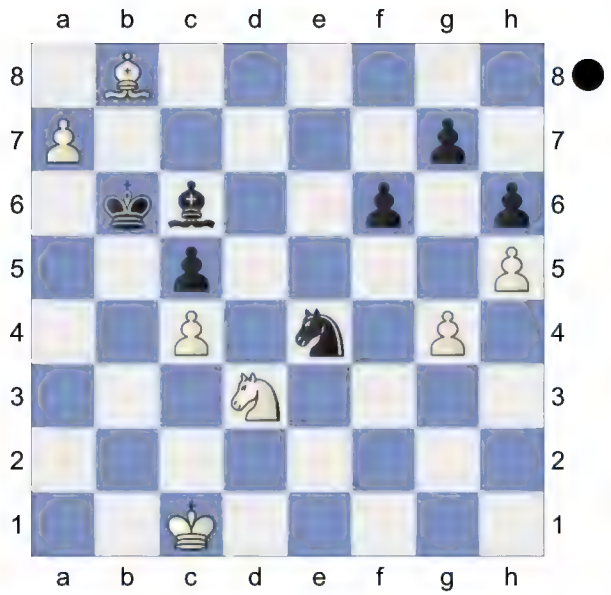

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11 **C57**
□ **Cvak,Rudolf** **2461**
■ **Corbat,Philippe** **2417**
WSTT/5/17/F ICCF 05.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4

White has an edge.

[8.c3 seems wilder. h6 9.Bd5 hxg5 10.cxd4 Bxd4 11.Bxg5 Bxb2 12.Nd2]

8...b5 9.Bd3

[9.Be2 simplifies h6 10.Nf3 Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Qxd1+ 12.Bxd1 a5 13.Rg1]

9...Rf8 0.84/19

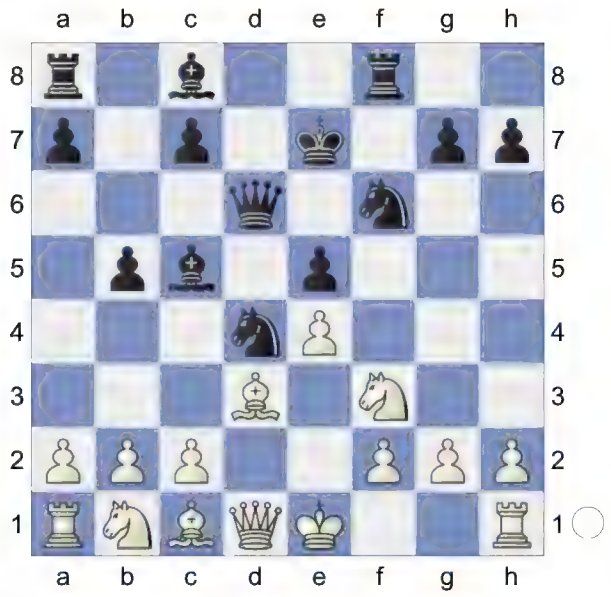
[9...h6!± 0.35/16 feels stronger.]

10.Nf3 0.47/17

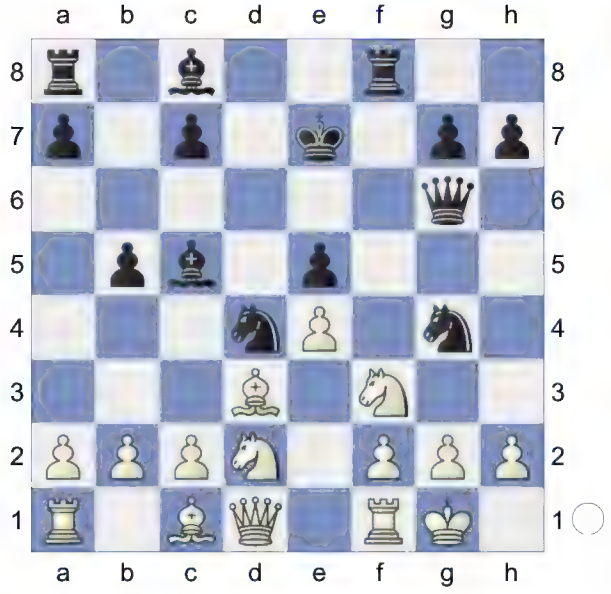
[10.c3± 0.84/19 Ng4 11.Nh3 *(11.cxd4? Qxd4 12.Qd2 Nxf2-+; 11.Nxh7 Nf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxf2±)* 11...Nxf2 *(11...Ne6 12.0-0±)* 12.Bg5+ *(12.Nxf2 Nc2+ 13.Qxc2 Bxf2+ 14.Kf1 Qd6=)* 12...Ke8

13.Bxd8 *(13.Nxf2 Qxg5 14.cxd4 Rxf2∓)* 13...Nxd1 14.cxd4 *(14.Kxd1 Bxh3 15.Bh4 Bxg2=)* 14...Bxd4 15.Bxc7 *(15.Bxb5+? Kxd8 16.Kxd1 Bxb2-+; 15.Kxd1 Bxh3 16.Bh4 Bxg2=)* 15...Bxb2 16.Kxd1 *(16.Bxb5+ Bd7=)*]

10...Qd6



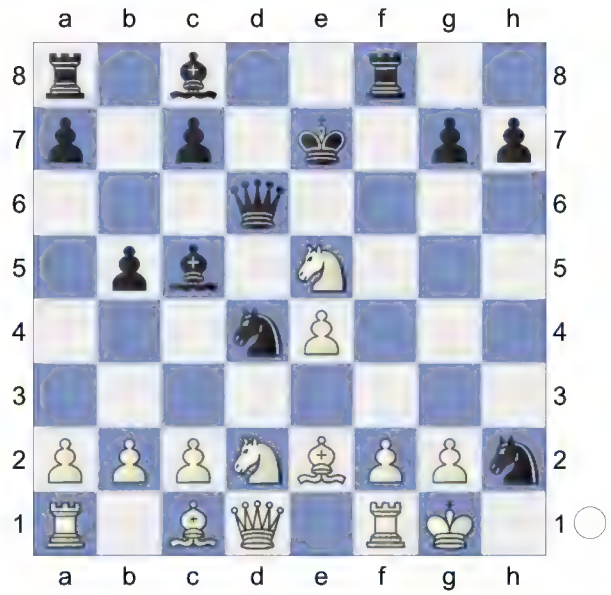
11.Nbd2! Ng4 12.0-0 Qg6 1.24/18
[12...Qb6± 0.64/17]



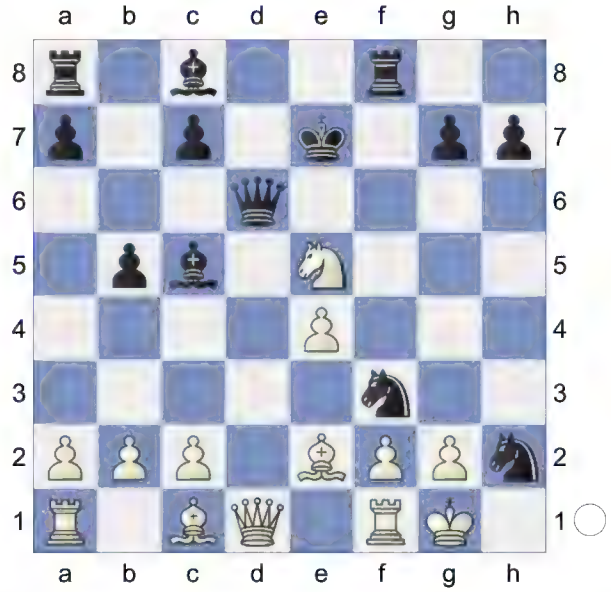
13.Be2 0.62/17
[White should try 13.b4!± 1.24/18 Bb6 14.a4]

13...Nxh2? 2.63/20 **14.Nxe5?** 0.14/19
[14.Nxh2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Bh3-+]
[14.Kxh2+- 2.63/20 Hoping for Nxd4. Rf4 15.Ng1 *(15.Nxe5 Rh4+ 16.Kg1 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Qh6)*]

14...Qd6!=

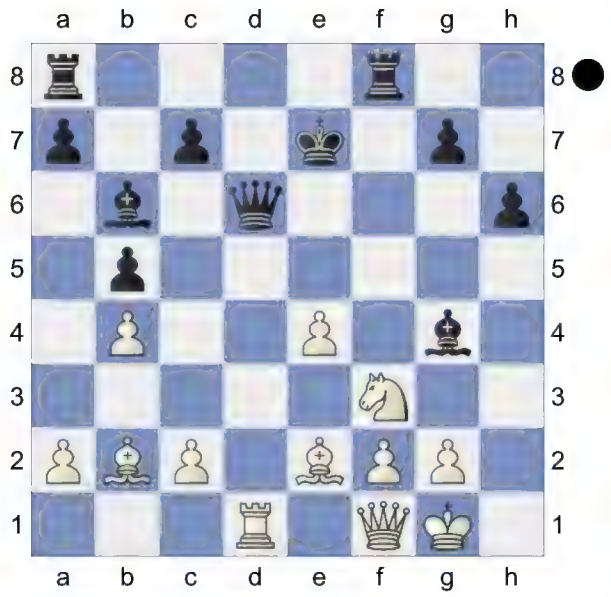


15.Ndf3! Really sharp! **15...Ndxf3+**



16.Nxf3 Nxf1 17.Qxf1 h6 Wards off Bg5+ **18.b4** White has compensation.
18...Bb6 19.Bb2 Bg4 20.Rd1

(Diagram)



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12 **C57**
□ **Cvak,Rudolf** **2461**
■ **Renard,Staphane** **2304**
WSTT/5/17/F ICCF 05.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+

[7.Nxf7!? Qe7□ 8.Nxh8±]

7...Ke7 8.Bc4 White has an edge. **8...b5 9.Bd3 h6 10.Nf3 Ng4**

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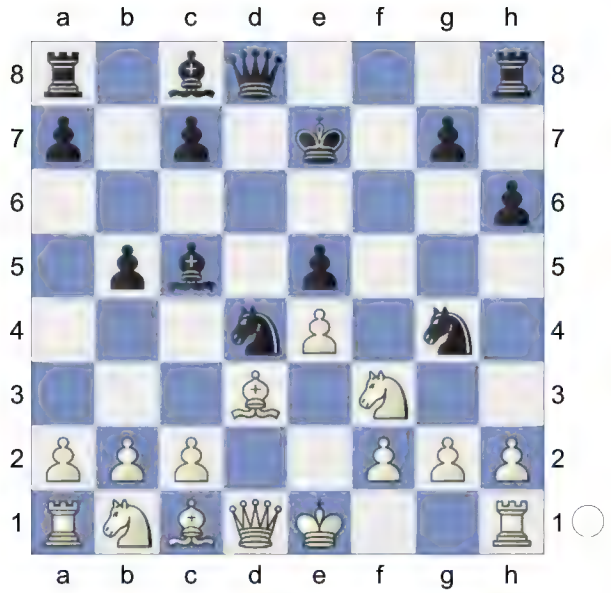
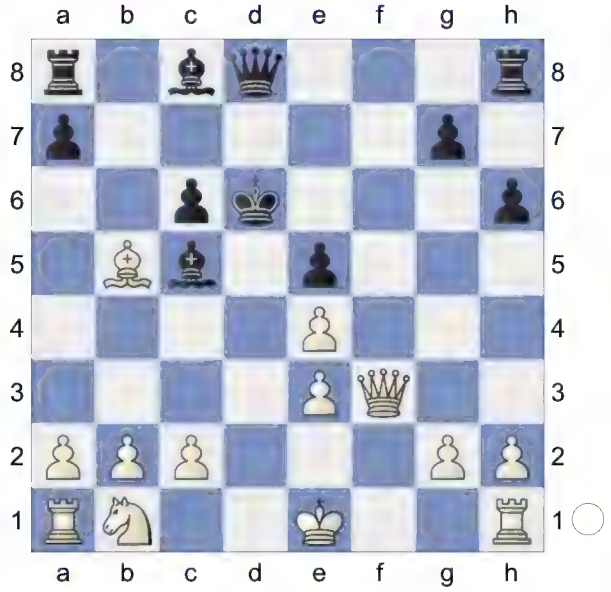


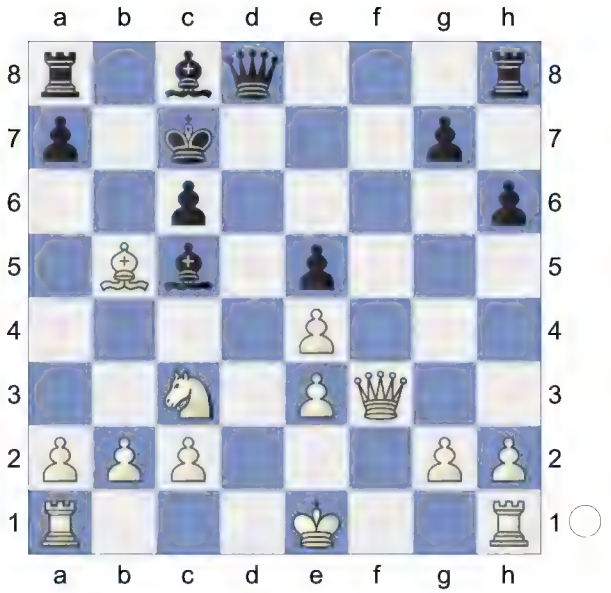
11.Be3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Kd6 14.Bxb5 aiming for Nc3. **14...c6**



15.Nc3 Kc7

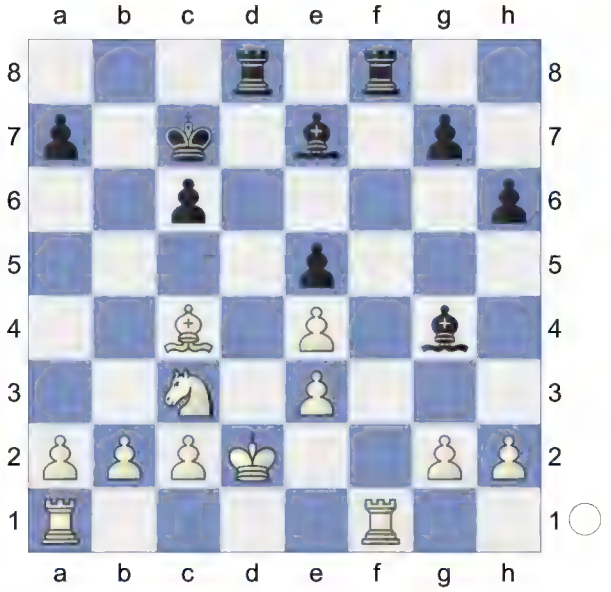
[15...Qh4+ 16.g3]

(Diagram)



16.Qf7+ Qe7 17.Qxe7+ Bxe7

A strong pair of Bishops. **18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rf1 Bg4 20.Kd2 Rad8+**



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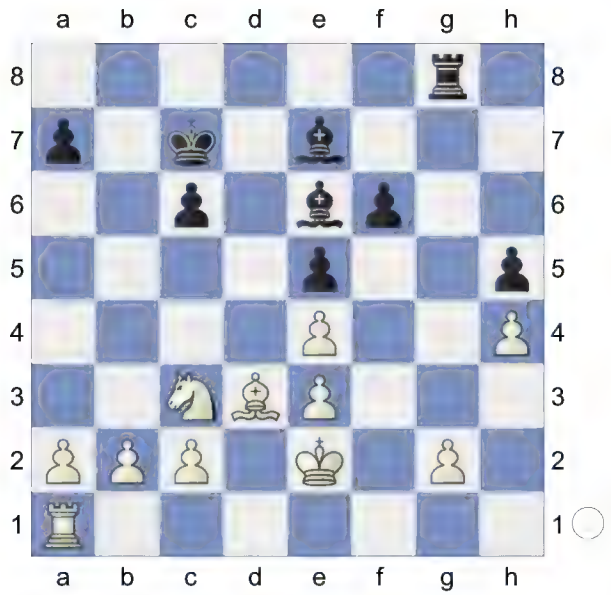
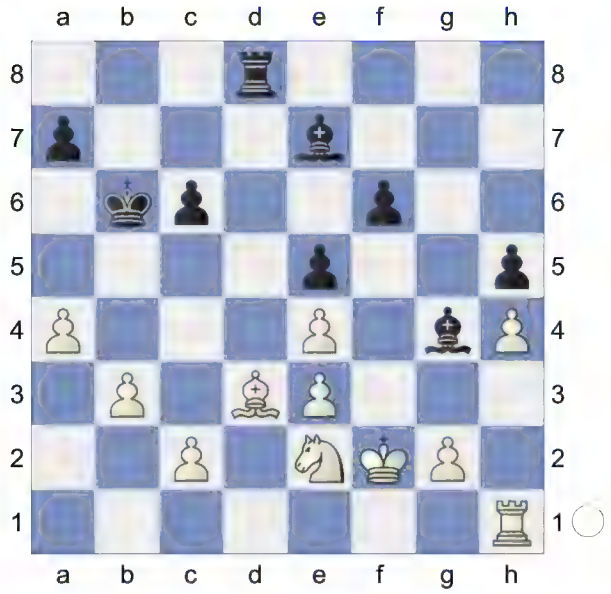


26.Kf2 Rg4 27.Rh1 Rg8 28.b3 Rd8 29.Ne2 Bg4 30.a4 1.22/23

[30.Rf1+- 1.70/20]

30...Kb6

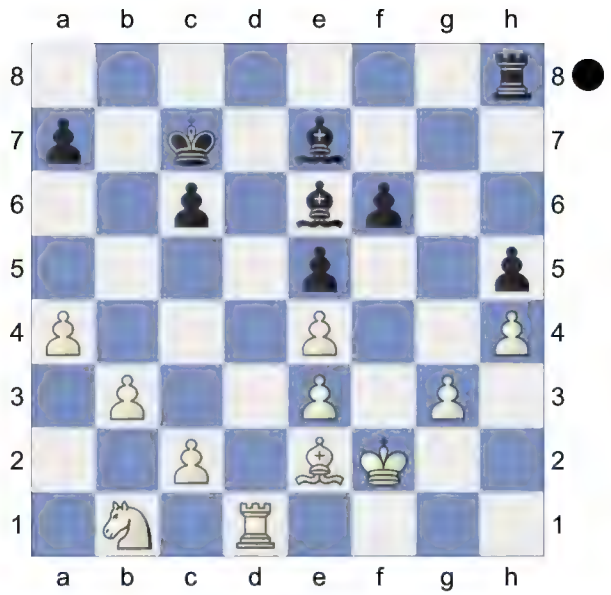


31.Nc3 Be6 32.Rd1 Rf8 33.g3 Kc7 1.74/21

[33...Ka5± 1.29/21 34.Be2 f5]

34.Be2+- Rh8 35.Nb1

(Diagram)



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13 **C57**
□ **Karpatchev,Aleksandr** **2460**
■ **Gozzoli,Yannick** **2502**
Saint Affrique op 16th (9) 26.07.2008
[Kitty Kat]

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[4.d3
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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 White is slightly better. **8...Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 10.b4** Strongly threatening b5. **10...f6**

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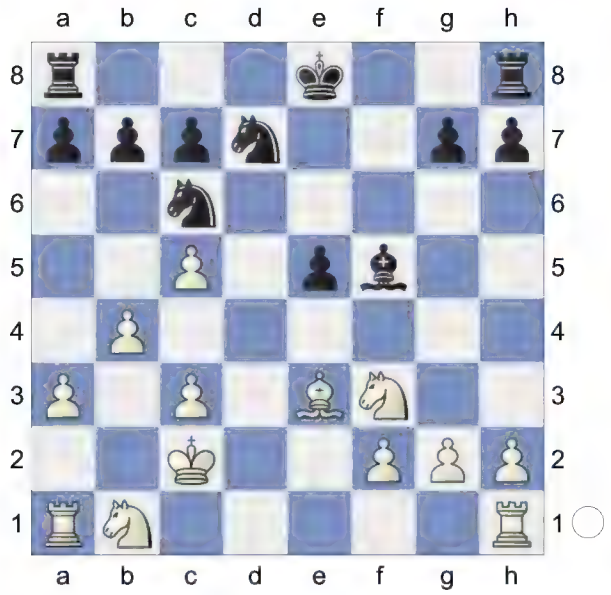
11.Nf3 Bg4 12.c3 Nab8 13.Kc2 Nd7 14.Be3 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5+



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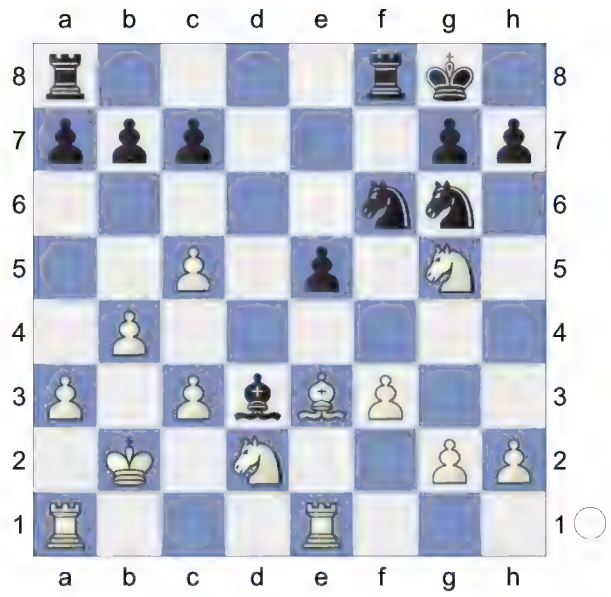

21.Rad1 Nh4 22.Rg1 h6 23.Nge4 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Rad8 25.Bf2 Bxe4 1.75/24

[25...Ng6± 1.06/23]

26.Bxh4+- Rxd1 27.Rxd1± Endgame. KRB-KRB **27...Bc6 28.c4** b5 would now be deadly. **28...a6 29.Bg3 e4 30.fxe4**

[30.Bxc7 exf3 31.Bd6 Rf5 32.gxf3 Rxf3±]

30...Bxe4

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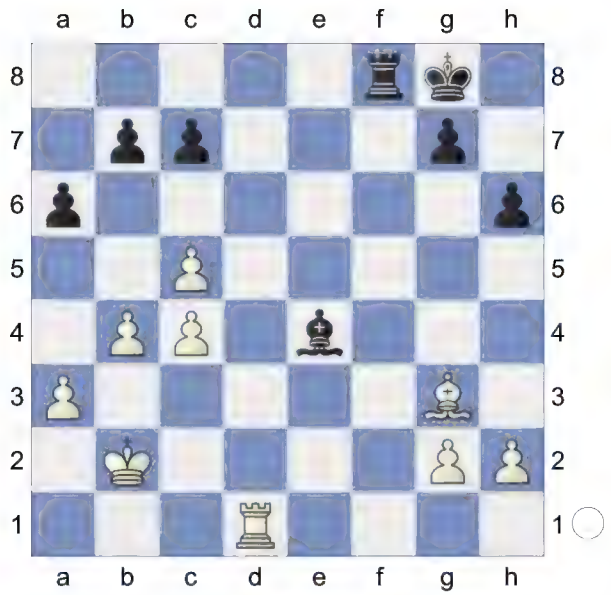
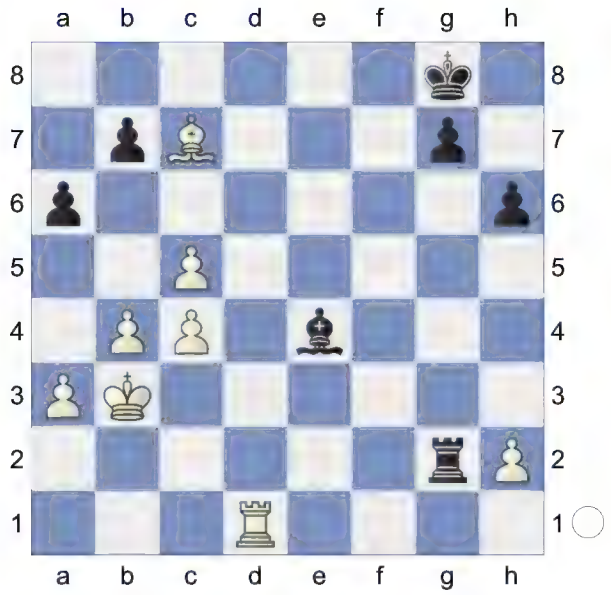


31.Bxc7 Rf2+ 32.Kc3 Rc2+ 33.Kb3 Hoping for Re1. **33...Rxg2**



aiming for ...Bc2+. **34.Rd8+ Kf7 35.b5 Rg1** 3.30/22

[⌓35...axb5 1.98/18 36.cxb5 h5]

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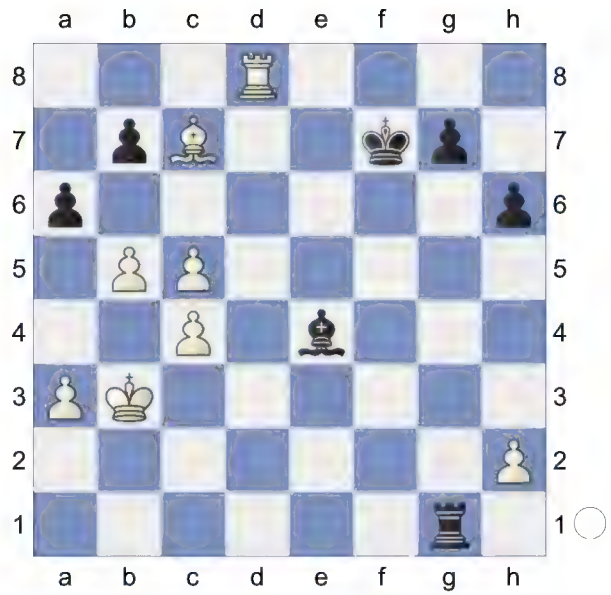

36.Rd4+- Bh1 37.Kb4 2.10/19

[⌓37.c6 4.14/20 bxc6 38.bxa6 Rb1+ 39.Ka2]

37...Ra1? 3.71/20

[37...axb5 2.10/19 38.cxb5 h5]

38.a4 Ke7 3.93/21

[38...axb5 2.70/19 was called for. 39.cxb5 g5]

39.Ka5 Bf3 40.c6 Deflection **40...bxc6?** 10.77/23

[40...axb5 3.83/18 41.cxb7 *(41.cxb5 bxc6 42.b6 c5+-)* 41...Bxb7 42.cxb5 g5]

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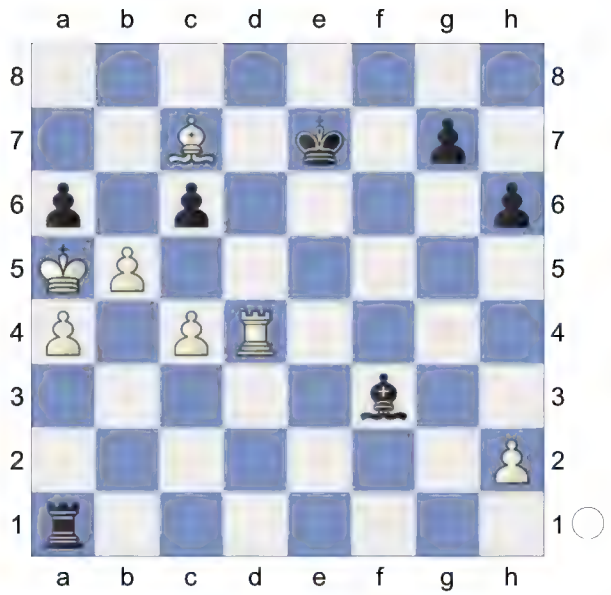

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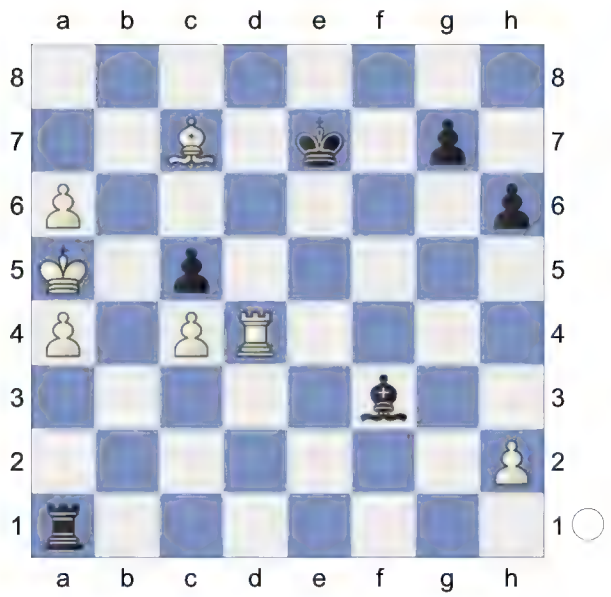

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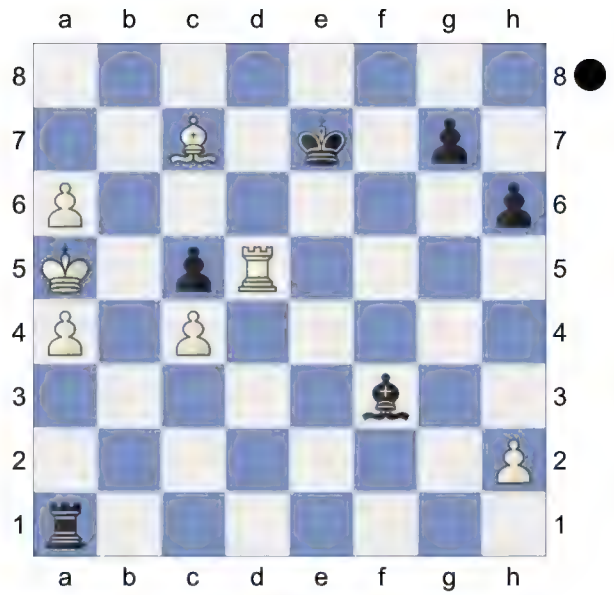

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14 **C57**
□ **Roebuck,Derek** **2406**
■ **Renard,Stephane** **2304**
WS TT/5/17/fin email 05.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

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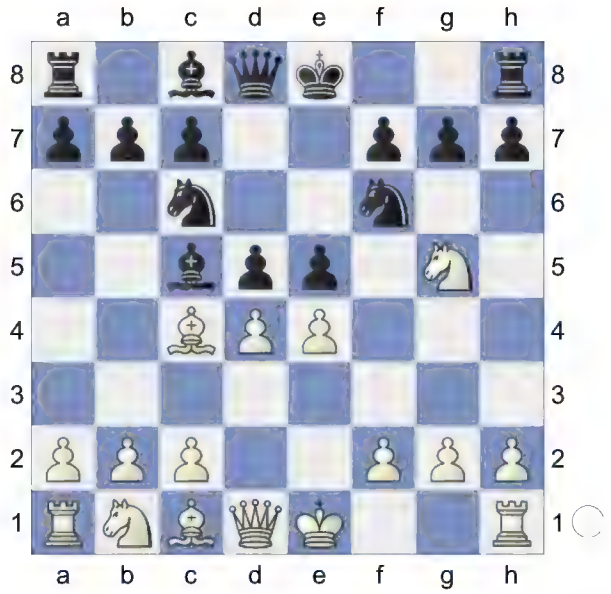
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Be2 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4**

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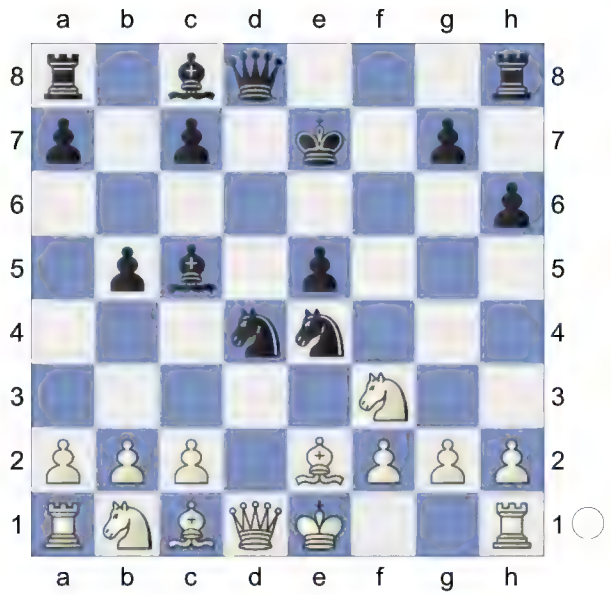

Threatens to win with ...Nxf3+. **11.Be3**

[11.Nxe5? Nxf2 12.Kxf2 Qd6-+]

11...Rf8 12.Bxd4

[12.Nxe5 Nxf2 13.Ng6+ *(13.Bxf2 Rxf2=)* 13...Ke8 14.Bxb5+ *(14.Bxf2? Rxf2* Double Attack *15.Bxb5+ Nxb5-+)* 14...Bd7 15.Bxd7+ *(15.Bxf2 Bxb5 16.Nxf8 Qe7+ 17.Kd2 Qg5+ 18.Kc3 Ne2+-+)* 15...Kxd7 16.Nxf8+ *(16.Bxf2? Qe8+ 17.Kf1 Qxg6-+)* 16...Qxf8∓]

12...Bxd4

[Reject 12...exd4?! 13.0-0±]

13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Qxd4 exd4 15.0-0 Rb8

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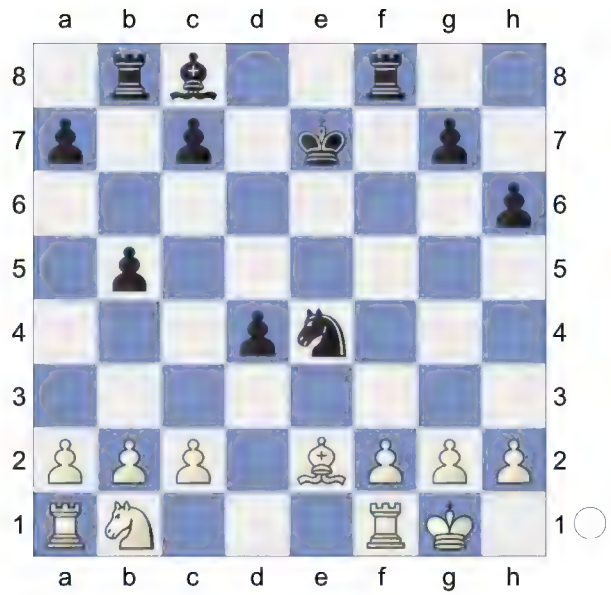
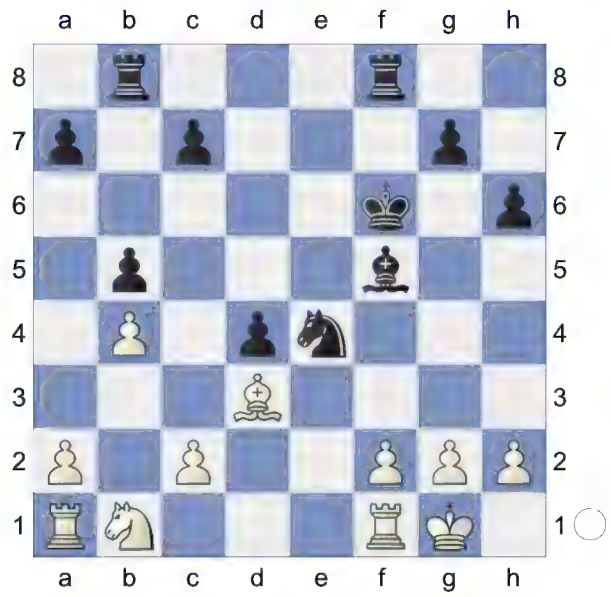


16.b4 Bf5 17.Bd3 Strongly threatening Bxe4. **17...Kf6**



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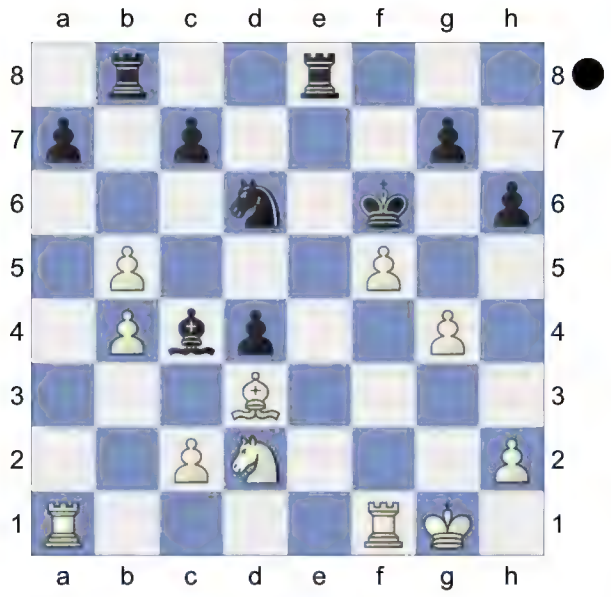

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15 **C57**
□ **Roebuck,Derek** **2406**
■ **Michalek,Martin** **2128**
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C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

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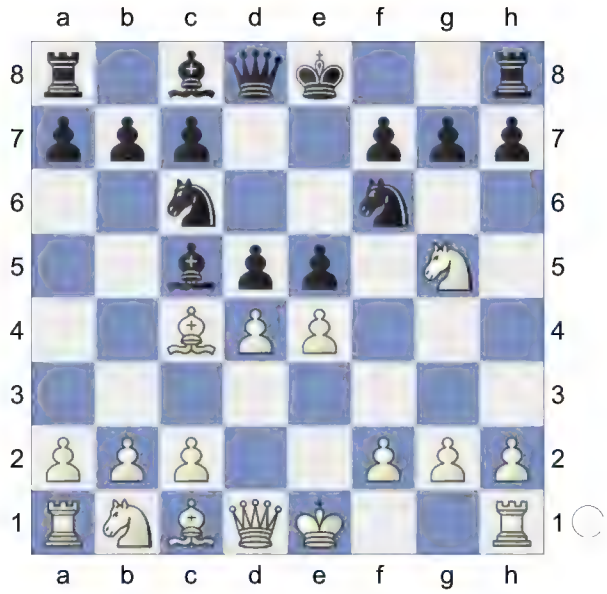

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6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4! White is better. **8...b5! 9.Be2 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4**

(Diagram)

11.Be3

[11.Nxe5 Nxf2 12.Kxf2 Qd6∓]

11...Rf8 12.0-0

[12.Nxe5 Nxf2 13.Ng6+ *(13.Bxf2 Rxf2∓* Double Attack*)* 13...Ke8 14.Bxb5+ *(14.Bxf2? Rxf2* Double Attack *15.Bxb5+ Nxb5-+)* 14...Bd7 15.Bxd7+ *(15.Bxf2 Bxb5 16.Nxf8 Qe7+ 17.Kd2 Qg5+ 18.Kc3 Ne2+-+)* 15...Kxd7 16.Nxf8+ *(16.Bxf2? Qe8+ 17.Kf1 Qxg6-+)* 16...Qxf8=]

12...Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Qxd1! 14.Bxc5+ Nxc5 15.Rxd1 e4

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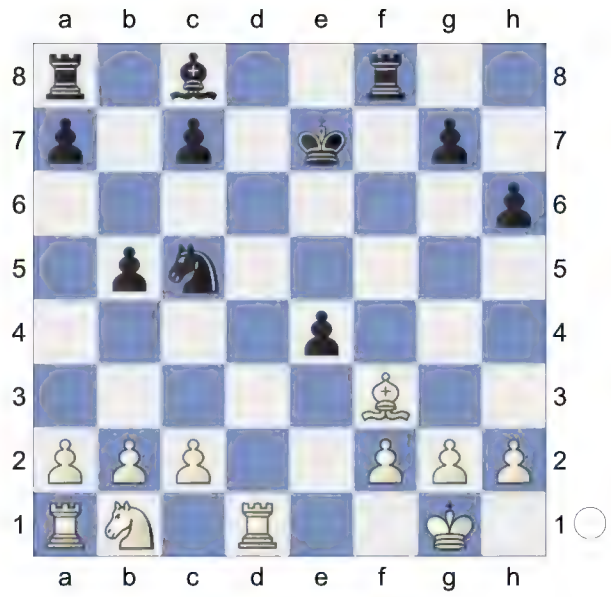


16.Re1 Kf6 17.Bd1 a5 18.Nc3 Rd8 0.93/20

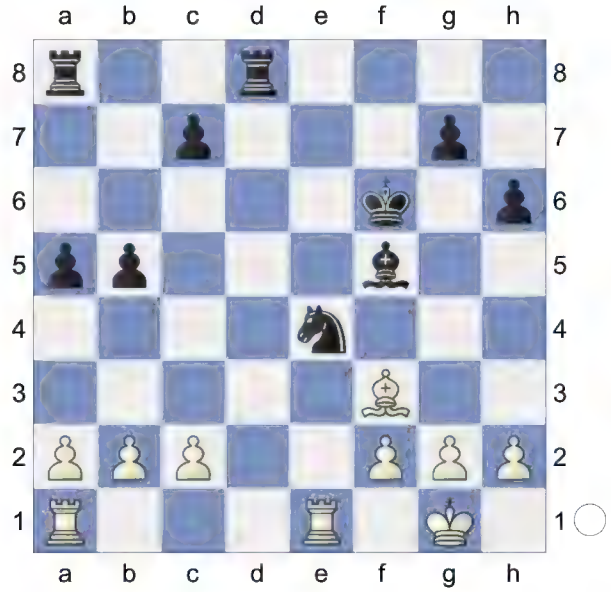
[18...Bf5± 0.51/19 was preferrable.]

19.Nxe4+ 0.52/20

[19.Nxb5 Rb8 20.a4 *(20.Nxc7?* perishes. *Rb7-+)* 20...c6∓]

[19.a4± 0.93/20]

19...Nxe4± 20.Bf3! Bf5



21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4= Endgame. KRR-KRR **22...Rd2 23.Rc1 Rad8 24.Kf1 R8d6 25.Re2 R2d5**

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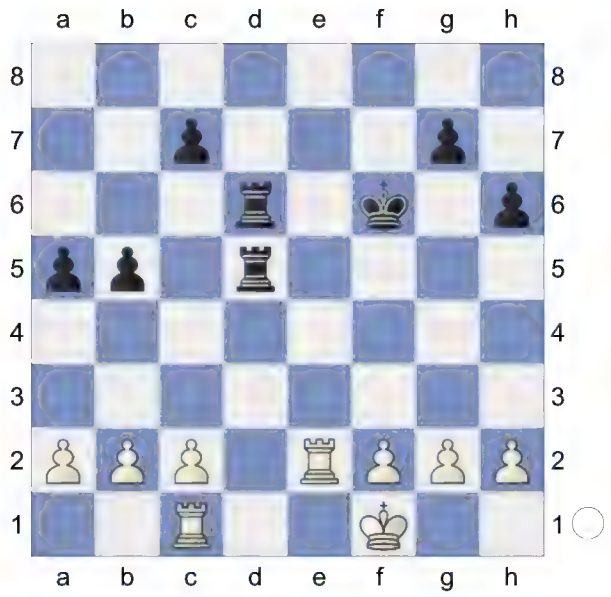
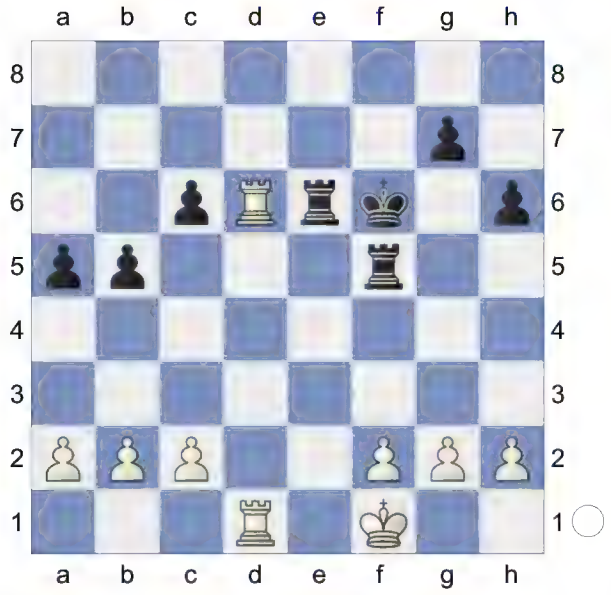


26.Re3 c6 27.Rf3+ Rf5 28.Rd3 Rdd5 29.Rcd1 Rde5 1.25/18
[Better is 29...b4± 0.67/19]
30.Rd6+ 0.88/22
[⌓30.Rc3 1.25/18]
30...Re6±



31.Rxe6+ Kxe6 KR-KR **32.Re1+ Kf6 33.Re4 a4 34.a3 Rc5 35.c3 Rd5**

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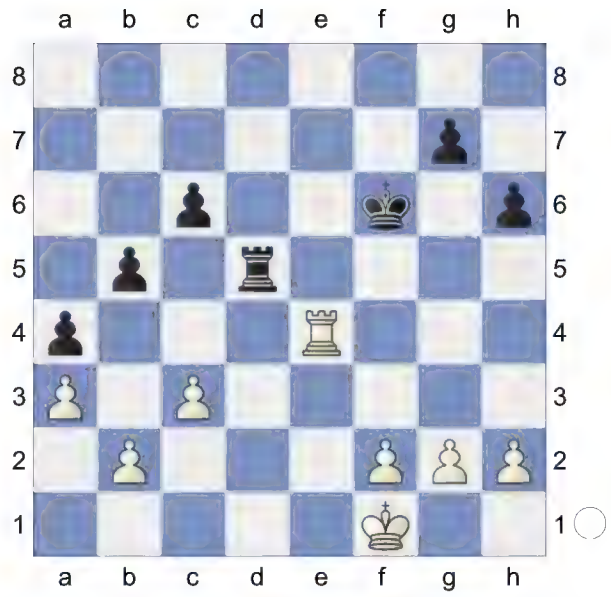
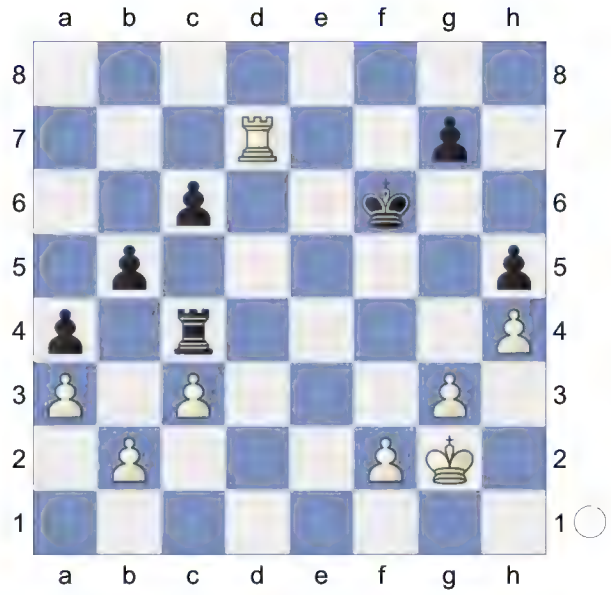
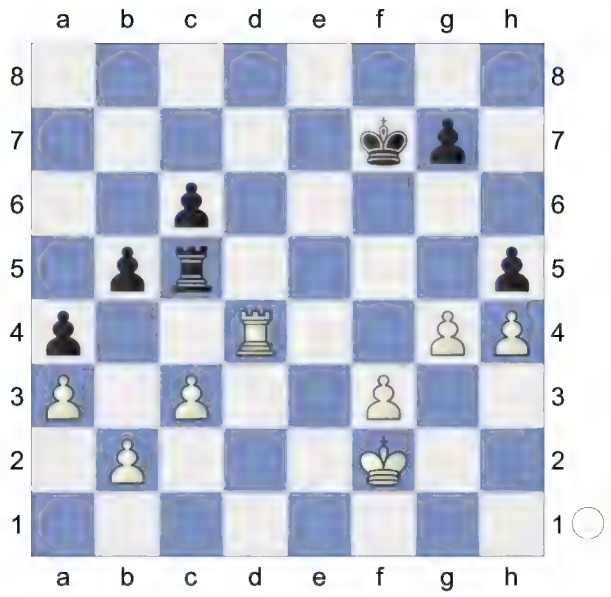


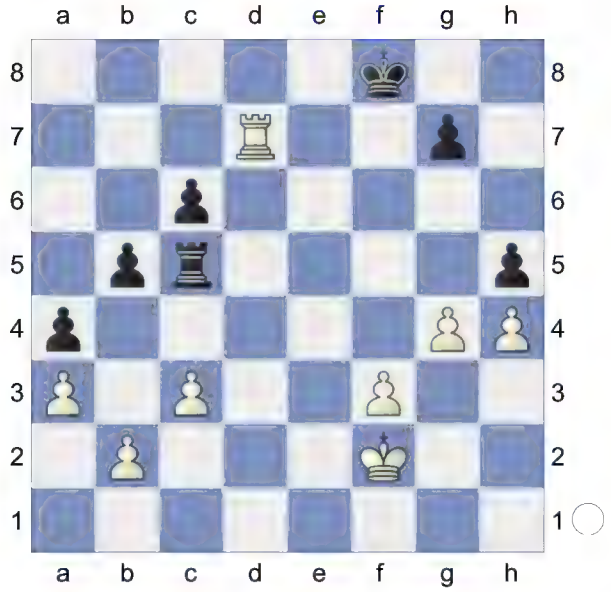
36.Rd4 0.67/21
[36.Ke2± 1.08/21]
36...Rc5 37.Rd7 h5 38.h4 Rc4 39.g3 1.24/25
[39.Rd4+- 1.67/26 And now Rxc4 would win. Rc5 40.g3]
39...Rc5 40.Kg2 White is more active.
40...Rc4 1.99/26
[40...Re5± 1.19/24]



41.f3 Kg6 42.Kf2 Kf6 43.Rd4 Threatens to win with Rxc4. **43...Rc5 44.g4! Kf7**



45.Rd7+! Kf8 2.79/26
[⌂45...Kg6 1.98/25 46.g5 Kh7]



46.Kg3 Re5 47.Kf4 Rc5 48.g5 aiming for g6. **48...g6 49.Rd6 Kf7 50.Rf6+ Kg7**

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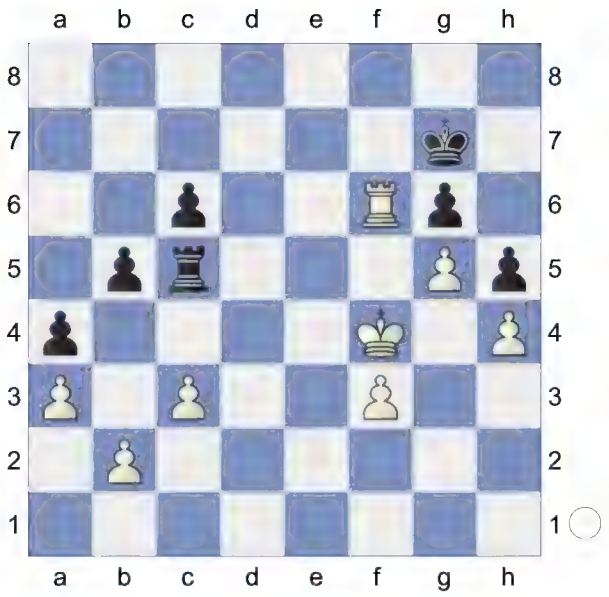
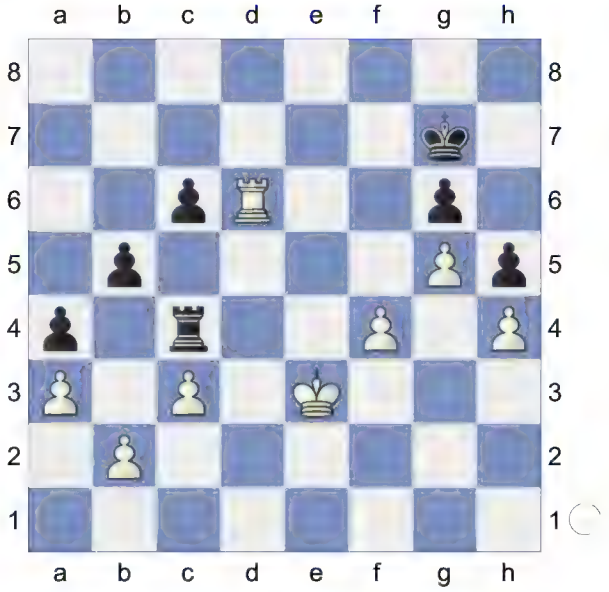


51.Ke3 Rc4 52.f4 Kh7 53.Rd6 Kg7 54.Rd7+ Kf8 55.Rd6? -0.01/27
[55.Kf3+- 2.76/29]
55...Kg7!=



Loses the game. **56.Rd4** Black must now prevent Rxc4. **56...Rc5 57.Ke4 Kf7**

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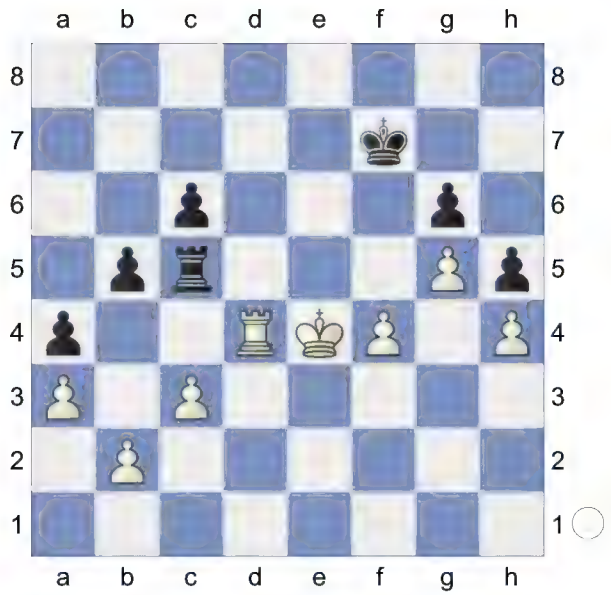
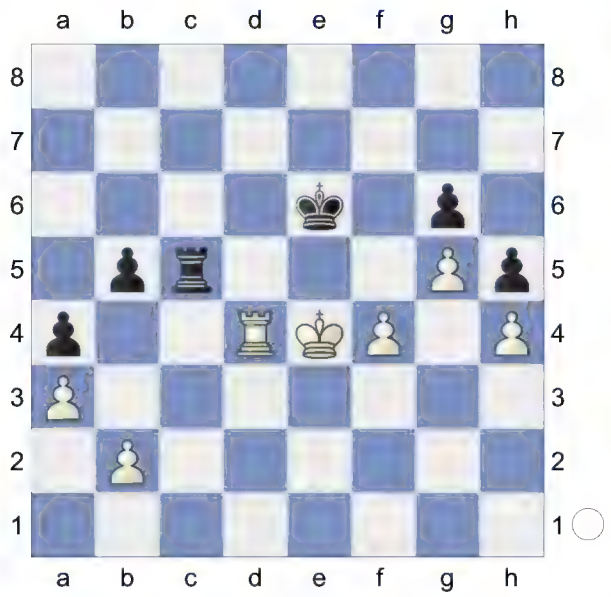


White is clearly better. **58.c4!** **Ke6**
59.cxb5 cxb5



60.Kf3! Rc8

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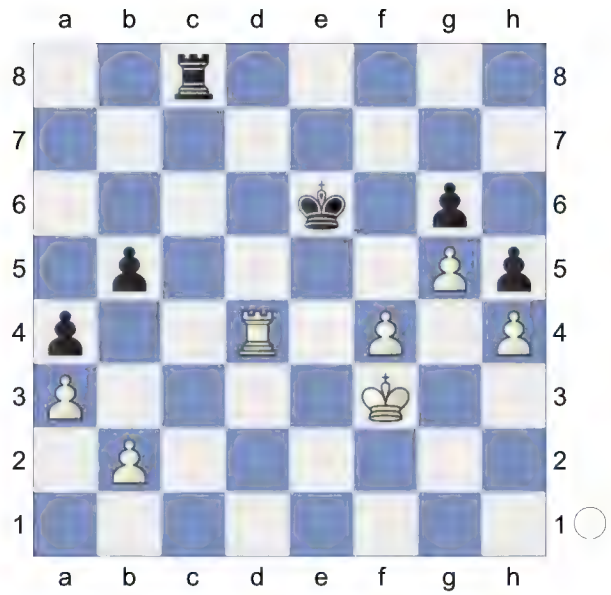
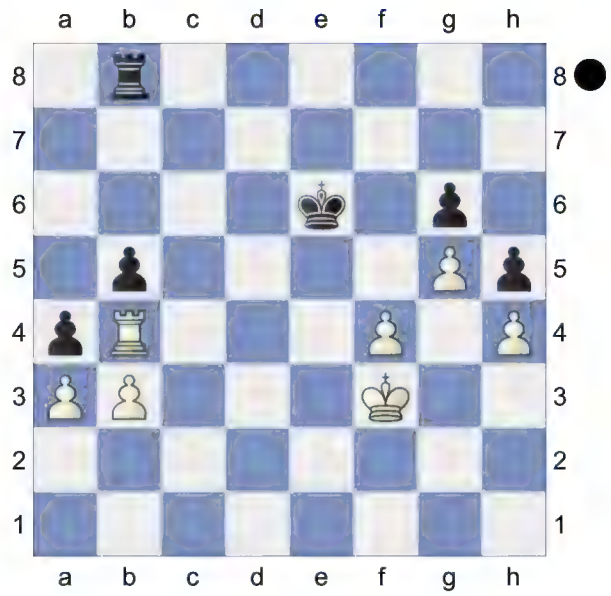


61.Rb4 1.33/23
[61.Re4++- 1.90/24 Kf7 62.Re5]
61...Rb8 1.73/28
[61...Rc5± 1.33/23 62.Re4+ Kd6]
62.b3



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16 **C57**
□ **Roebuck,Derek** **2406**
■ **Schneider,German** **2416**
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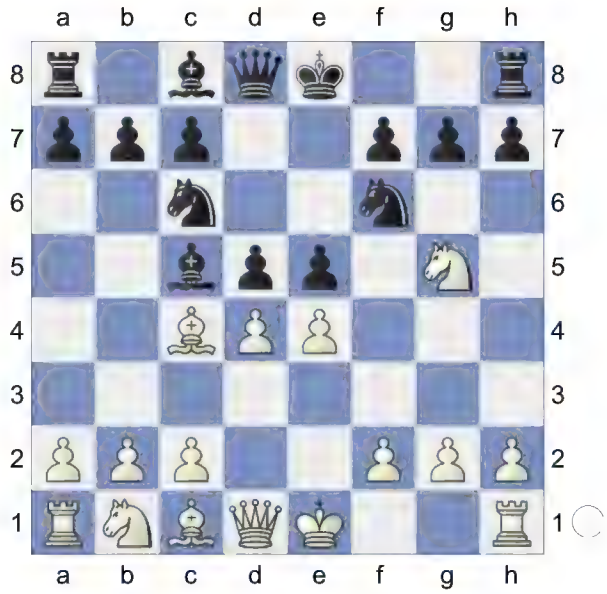

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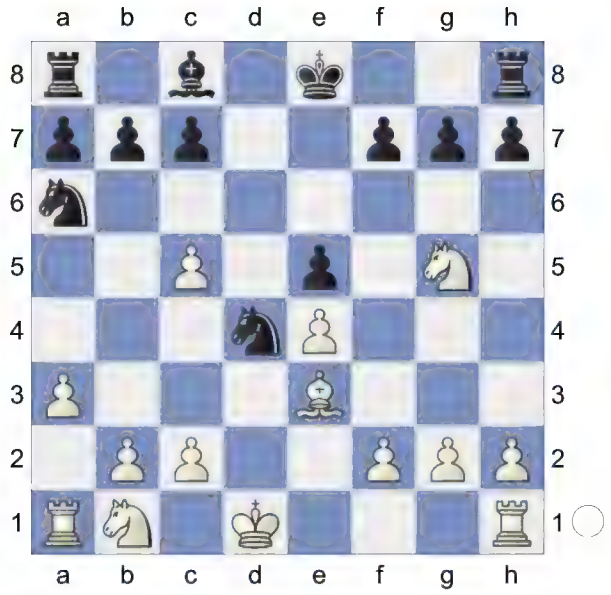
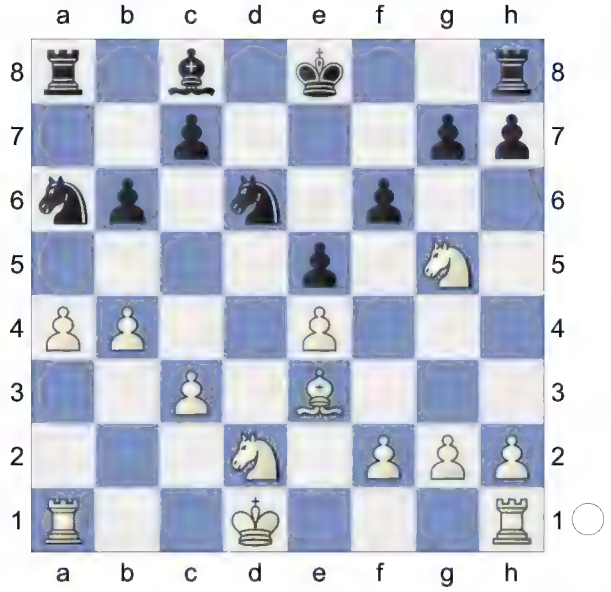


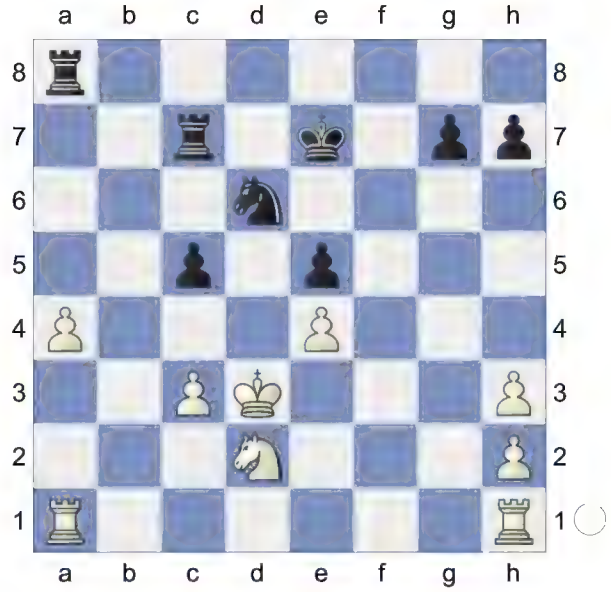
11.b4 b6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.c3 Nb5 14.a4 Nd6 15.Nd2 f6



Prevents f4 **16.Nh3 c5 17.b5 Nc7 18.Kc2 Ke7 19.f4 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Ra7**

(Diagram)

21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.b6 Strongly threatening fxe5. **22...Rb7 23.fxe5! fxe5 24.bxc7 Rxc7 25.Kd3 Ra8**



26.Nc4 Nxc4 27.Kxc4± Endgame. KRR-KRR **27...Rca7 28.Kd5**

[But not 28.Kxc5?! Rc8+ 29.Kb6 Rcc7=]

28...Rxa4 29.Rxa4 Rxa4 30.Kxe5 KR-KR **30...Ra3**

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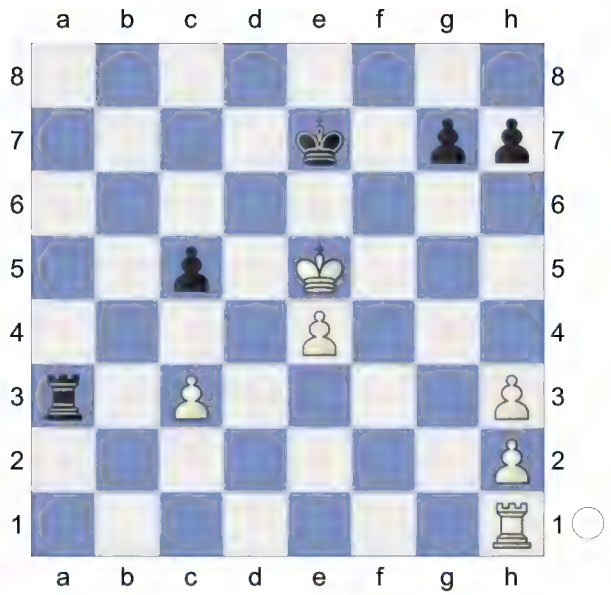

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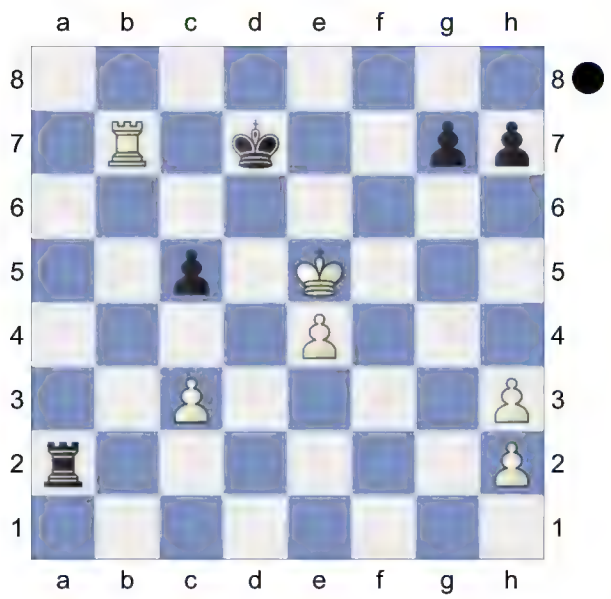
[Better is 32...Kf7 0.97/21]
33.Rb7+



Skewer **33...Kc6 34.Rxg7 Rxh2**
35.Rg3 White is more active.
[Much less strong is 35.Rxh7 Rc2±]
35...Rd2

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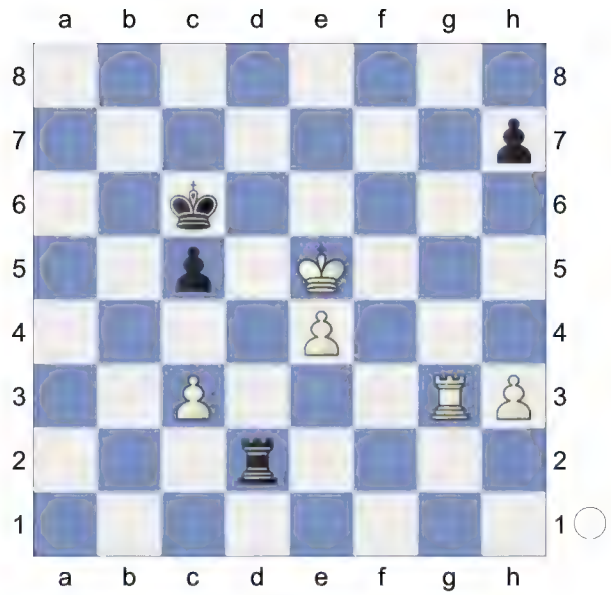
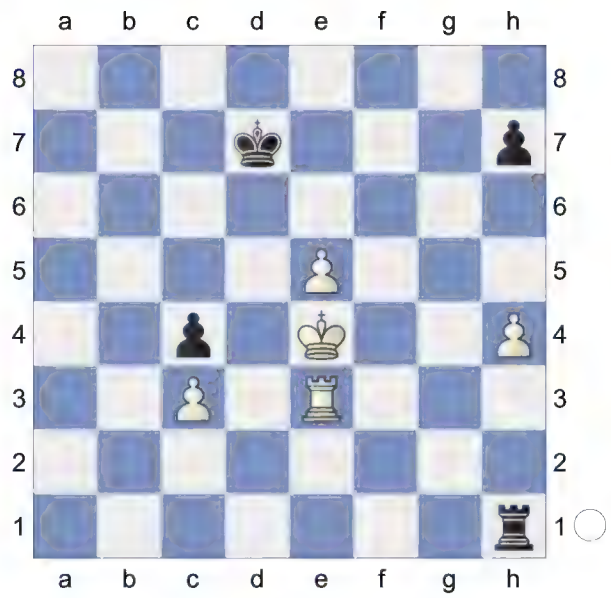


36.Re3 1.03/24
[⌓36.h4! 1.53/24]
36...c4 37.h4 Rd1 1.47/25
[Black should play 37...Kd7 1.00/24]
38.Kf5 Kd7 39.e5 Rf1+ 40.Ke4 Rh1



41.Kd5 Re4 is the strong threat.
41...Rxh4 42.Rg3

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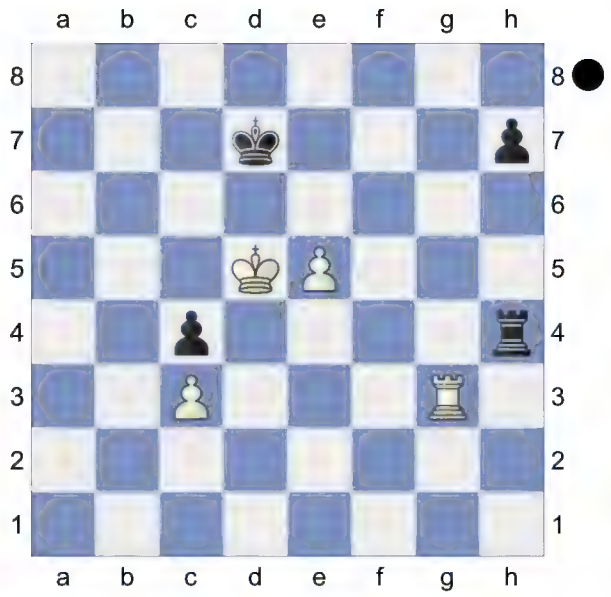

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17 **C57**
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■ **Corbat,Philippe** **2417**
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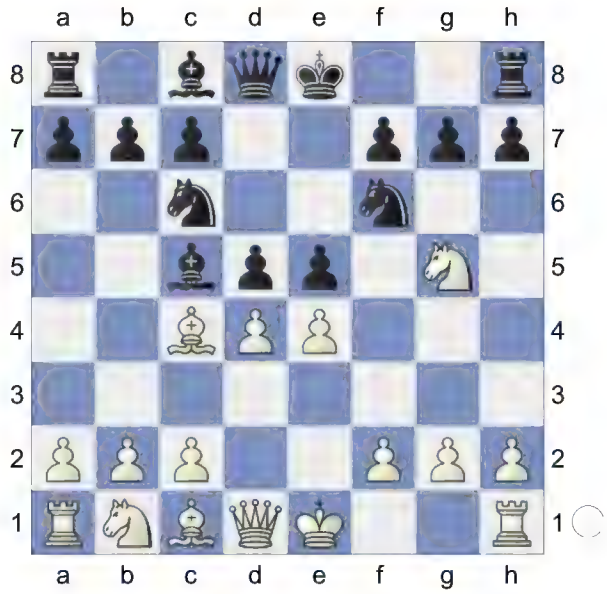

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(Diagram)

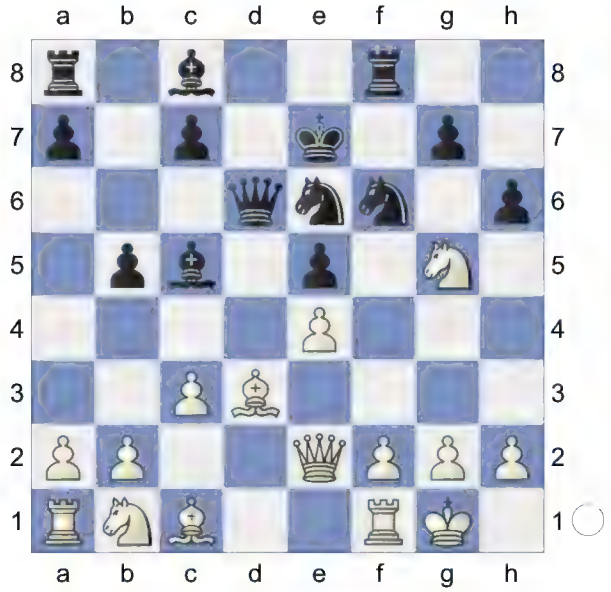
11.0-0

[Much weaker is 11.Bxb5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Ng4∓ *(12...Bxf2 13.Nxe6 Kxe6 14.Bc4+ Ke7 15.Nd2±)*]

11...Qd6 12.Qe2

[Don't play 12.Bxb5 Bxf2+ 13.Kh1 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Rb8=]

12...h6



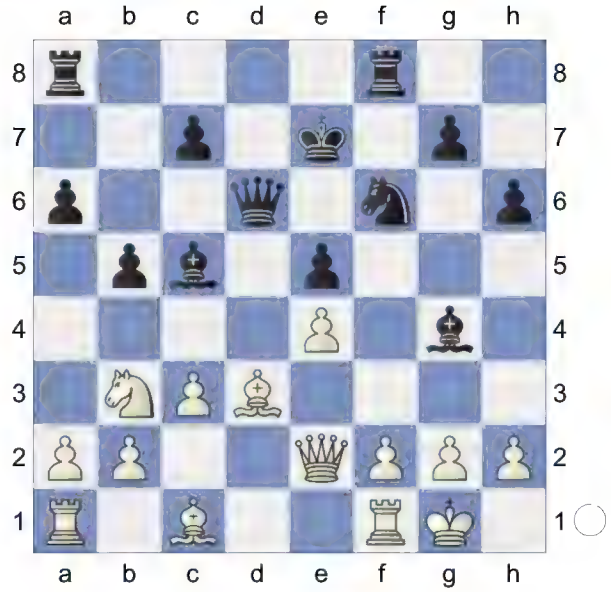
13.Nxe6 0.82/20

[White should try 13.Nf3! 1.28/18]

13...Bxe6± 14.Nd2

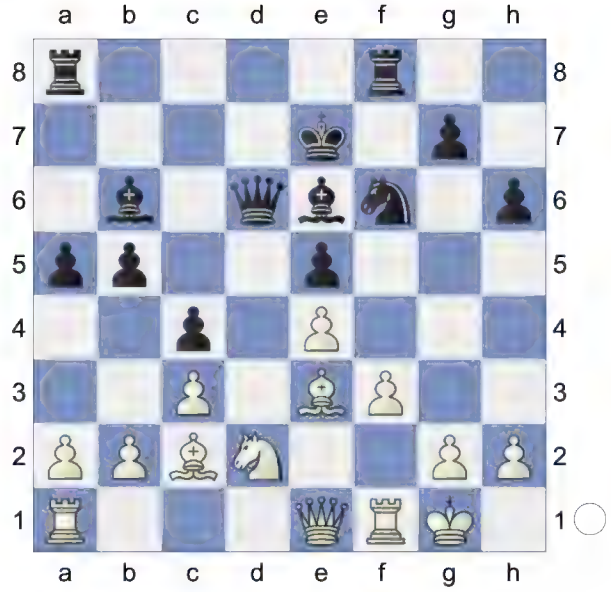
[Much worse is 14.Bxb5 Ng4 15.Nd2 Rxf2 16.Rxf2 Nxf2∓]

14...a6 15.Nb3 Bg4



16.Qe1 Nxc5 would now be deadly.

16...Bb6 17.Bc2 Be6 18.Be3 c5 19.f3 c4 20.Nd2 a5

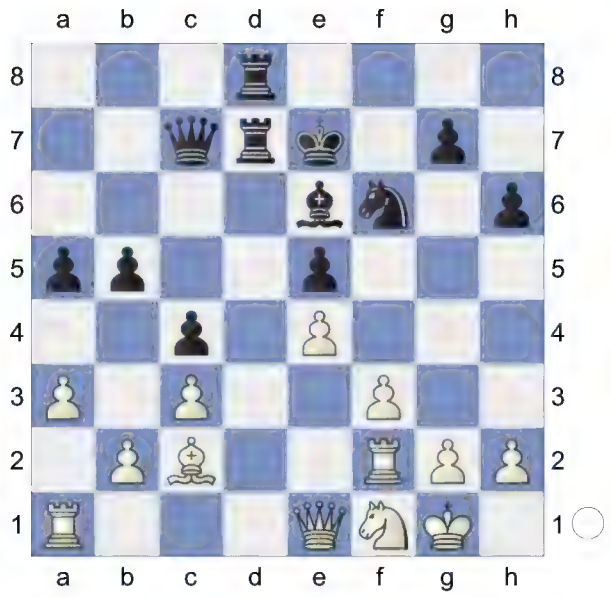


21.Rf2 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Rfd8 23.a3 Qc7 0.86/21

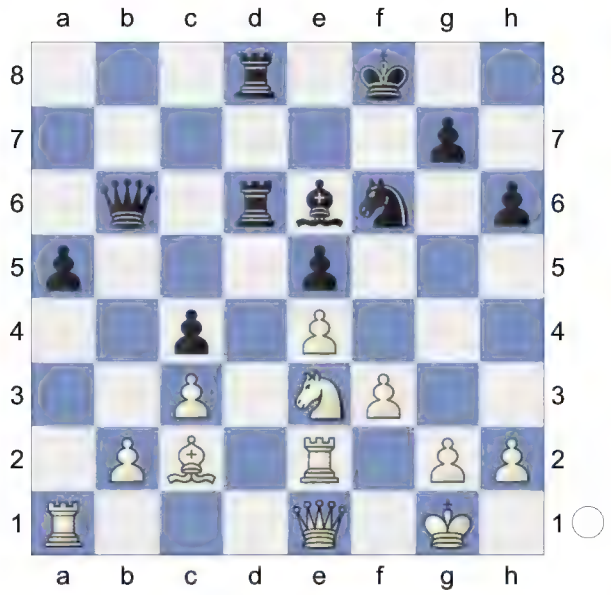
[23...b4!± 0.47/21]

24.Nf1 Rd7 25.Qe1 Rad8

(Diagram)



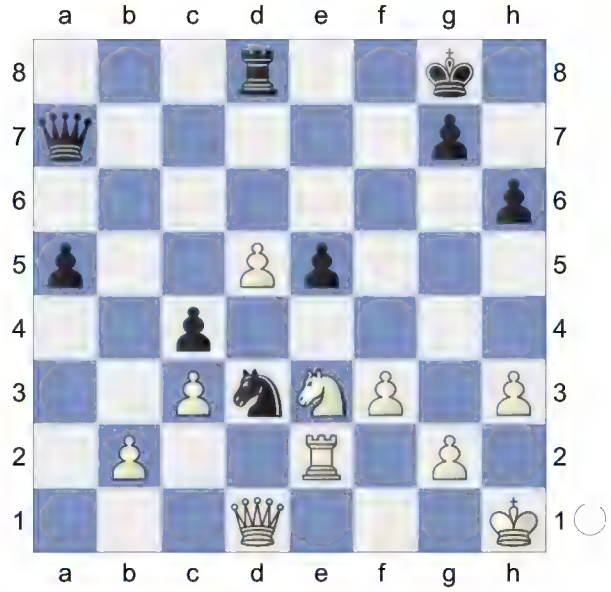
26.a4 bxa4 27.Ne3 Kf8 28.Bxa4 Rd3 29.Bc2 R3d6 30.Re2 Qb6



31.Kh1 Kg8 32.Rb1 Qb8 0.34/20
[32...R6d7± 0.79/19]
33.Ba4 0.77/19
[33.Rf2± 0.34/20]
33...Rd3 34.Rd1 Nd7 35.Bc6 Rxd1

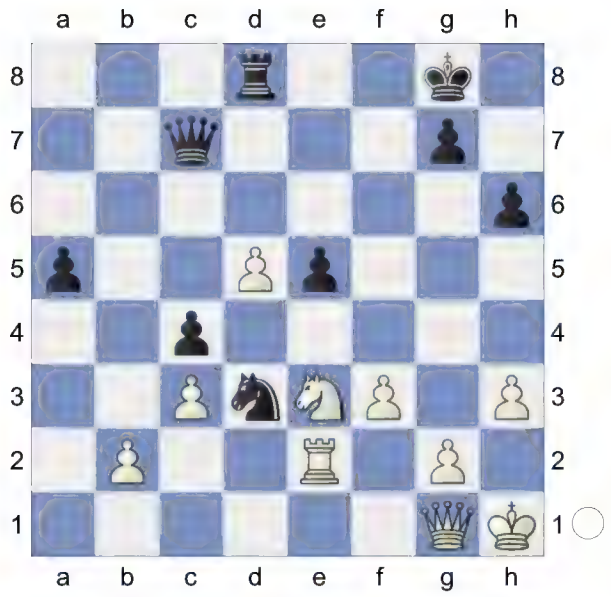
(Diagram)

36.Qxd1 Threatens to win with Rd2. White is better. **36...Nc5 37.Bd5 Bxd5 38.exd5 Nd3 39.h3 Qa7**

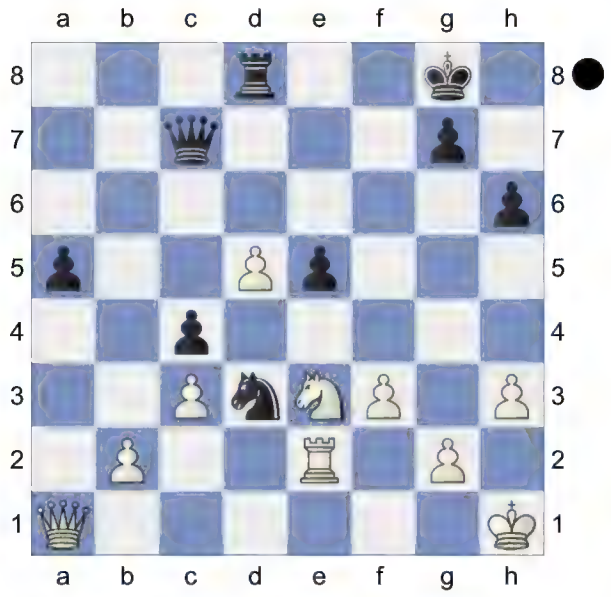


...Qxe3! is the strong threat. **40.Qg1 Qc7**

(Diagram)



41.Qa1



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18 **C57**
□ **Roebuck,Derek** **2406**
■ **Cvak,Rudolf** **2461**
WS TT/5/17/fin email 05.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

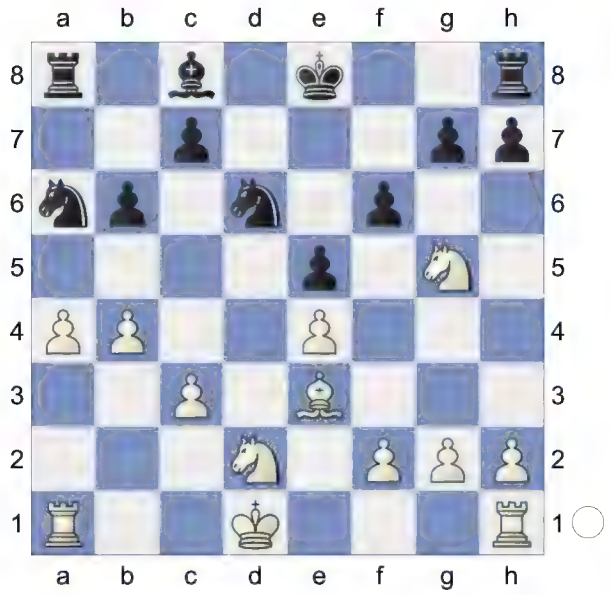
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 White is slightly better. **8...Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 10.Be3 Nd4**

(Diagram)

11.b4 b6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.c3 Nb5 14.a4 Nd6 15.Nd2 f6



16.Nh3 Ke7 0.89/19
[16...c5± 0.50/17]
17.Kc2± c5 18.b5 Bxh3 19.gxh3 Nc7 20.f4 Ra7

(Diagram)

21.fxe5 fxe5

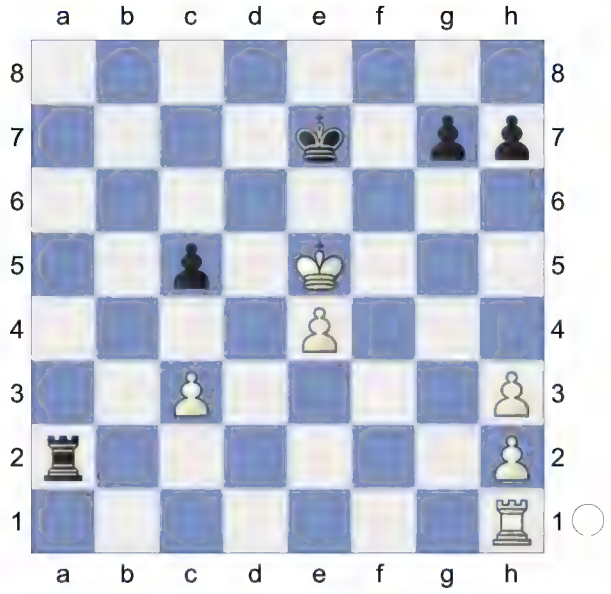
22.Bxc5 0.68/23 **bxc5± 23.b6! Rb7 24.bxc7 Rxc7 25.Kd3 Ra8**

(Diagram)

26.Nc4 Nxc4 27.Kxc4 Endgame. KRR-KRR **27...Rca7 28.Kd5**

[Much weaker is 28.Kxc5?! Rc7+ 29.Kb6 Raa7= *(29...Rxc3 30.Rhb1=)*]

28...Rxa4 29.Rxa4 Rxa4 30.Kxe5± KR-KR **30...Ra2**



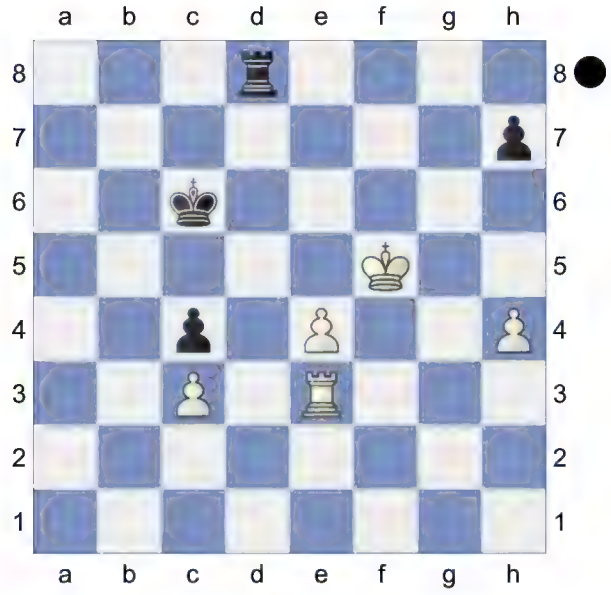
31.Rb1 Kd7 32.Rb7+ Kc6 33.Rxg7 Rxh2 34.Rg3 White is more active.

[But not 34.Rxh7?! Rc2=]

34...Rd2 35.Re3 c4

(Diagram)

36.h4 Rd8 37.Kf5



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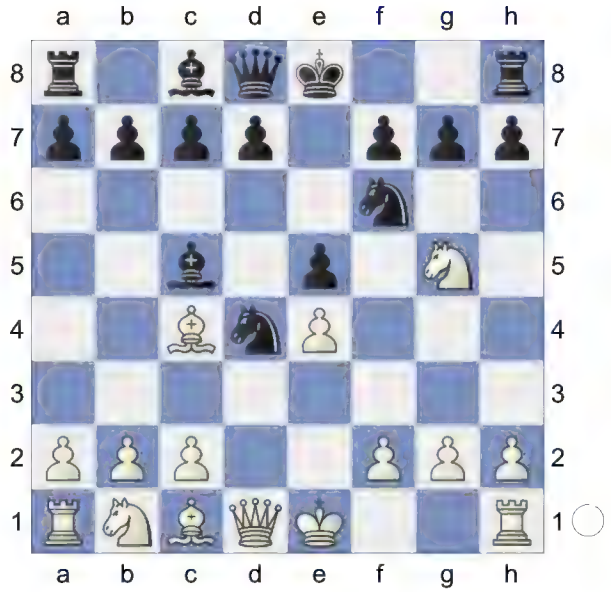
19 **C57**
□ **Vasilev,Alexandr** **2366**
■ **Tselousov,Victor** **2362**
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 Nxd4? 1.78/19
[5...d5= -0.02/21 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4]

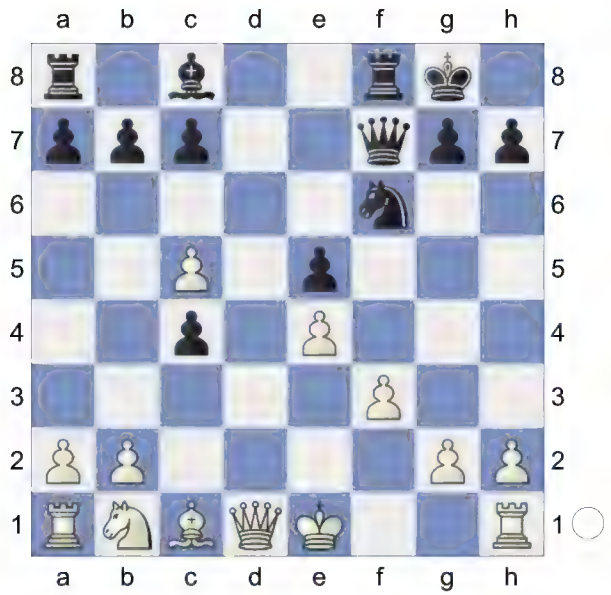


6.Nxf7+- Qe7 7.c3 0.15/18
[7.Nxh8± 0.73/20 Strongly threatening Bf7+. d5 8.Be2 *(8.Bxd5 Bg4±)*]

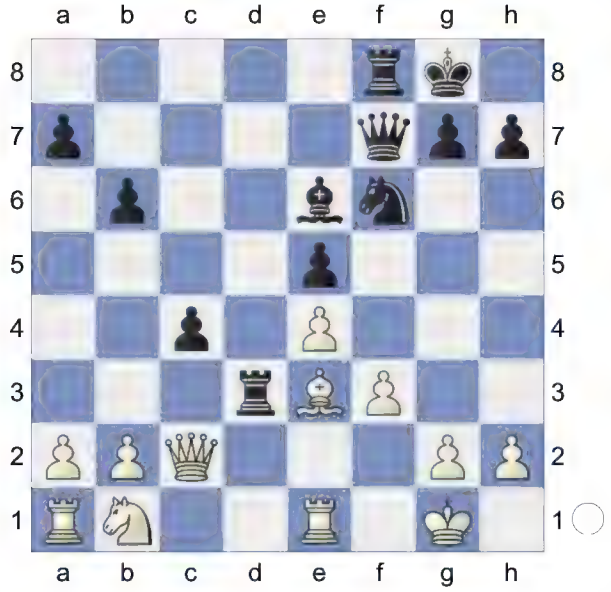
7...d5 8.cxd4 White is slightly better.

8...Qxf7 9.dxc5 dxc4 10.f3 0-0

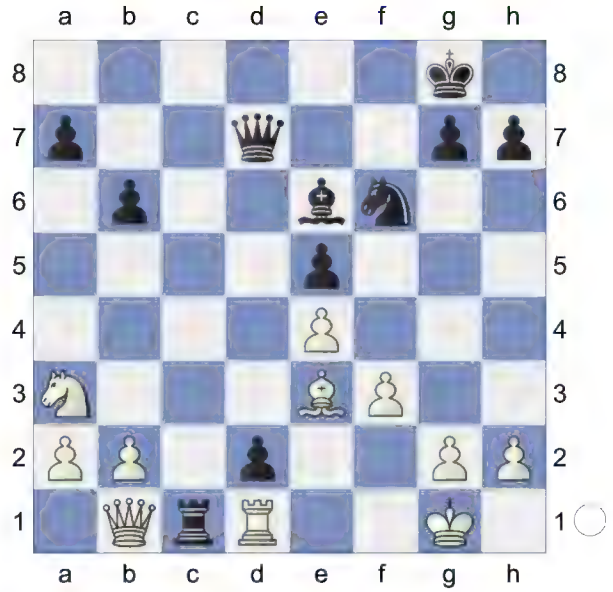
(Diagram)



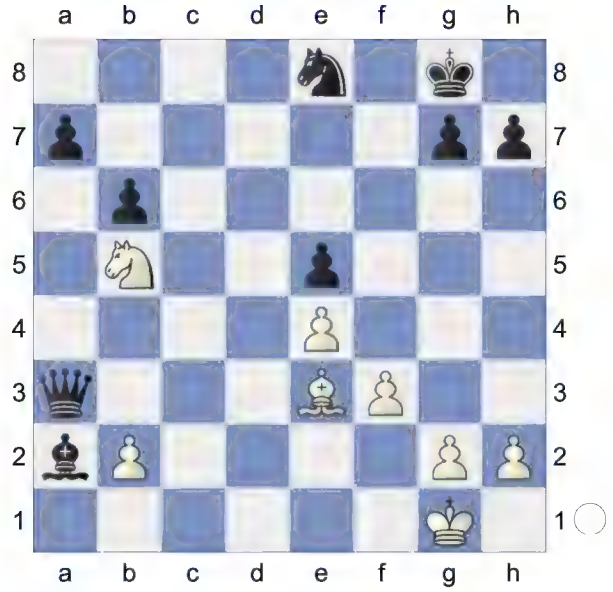
11.0-0 Be6 12.Be3 Rad8 13.Qc2
White is weak on the light squares
13...Rd3 Against Na3
[13...Ng4 seems wilder. 14.Bd2 Rd3 15.h3 Nf6]
14.Re1 b5 0.03/19
[14...Ng4∓ -0.84/20 15.Bc1 *(15.fxg4? Rxe3 16.Nc3 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Qe7∓)* 15...Qe7 16.fxg4 Qxc5+ 17.Kh1 Rf2]
15.cxb6 cxb6



16.Na3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Qd7 18.Rxd3 cxd3 19.Qb1 d2 1.03/21
[19...Qd6= 0.01/22 remains equal.]
20.Rd1± Rc1

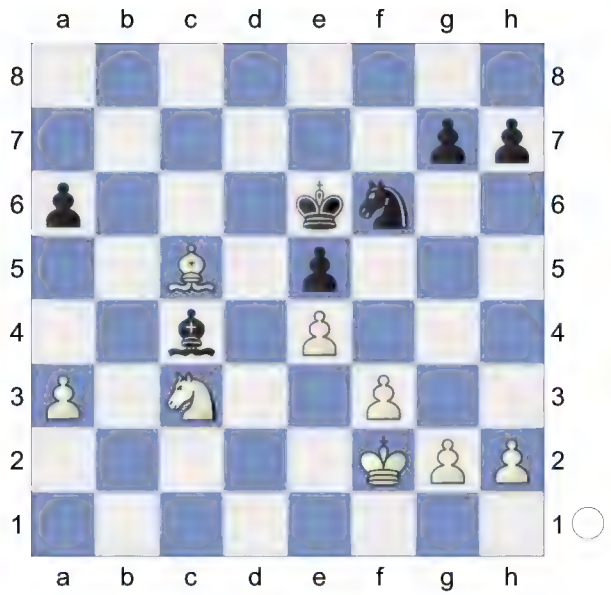


Deflection **21.Rxc1 dxc1Q+ 22.Qxc1 Bxa2 23.Qc3 Qe7 24.Nb5 Ne8 25.Qa3** White is more active. **25...Qxa3**

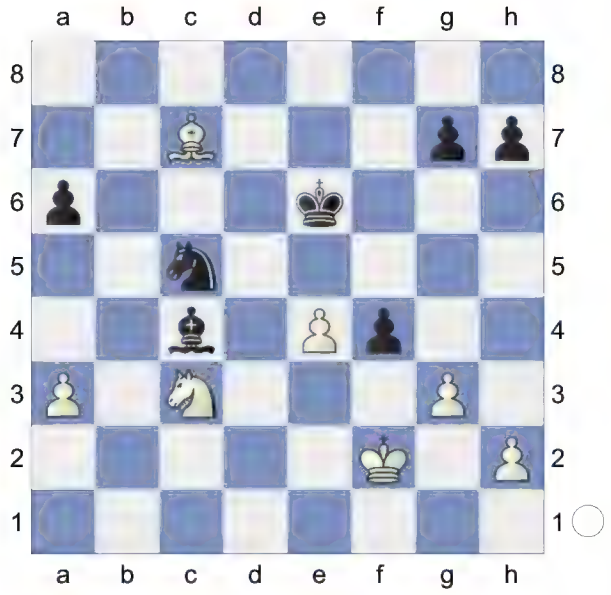


Remove Defender **26.bxa3** Endgame. KBN-KBN **26...a6 27.Nc3 Bc4 28.Bxb6 Kf7 29.Kf2 Ke6** 1.57/23
[⌓29...Bb3 1.17/22 30.Bc5 Nf6]
30.Bc5 Nf6

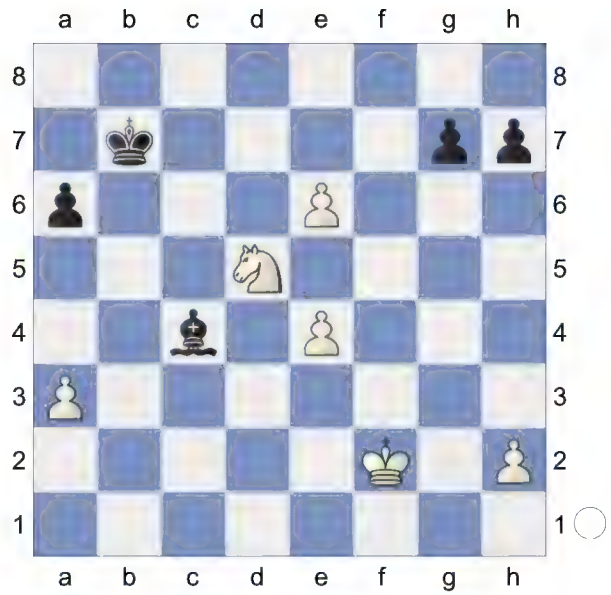
(Diagram)



31.Bf8 0.90/20
[⌓31.Na4 1.33/22]
31...Kf7 1.34/22
[Black should play 31...g6 0.90/20]
32.Bd6 Ke6 33.Bc7 Nd7 34.g3 Nc5 35.f4 exf4



36.gxf4 Kd7 37.Bb6 Ne6 1.71/22
[37...Nd3+± 1.22/19 was necessary. 38.Ke3 Ne1]
38.f5+- Kc6? 5.86/22
[38...Nf4 1.67/22 39.Kf3 Nd3]
39.fxe6 White is clearly winning.
39...Kxb6 40.Nd5+ Kb7



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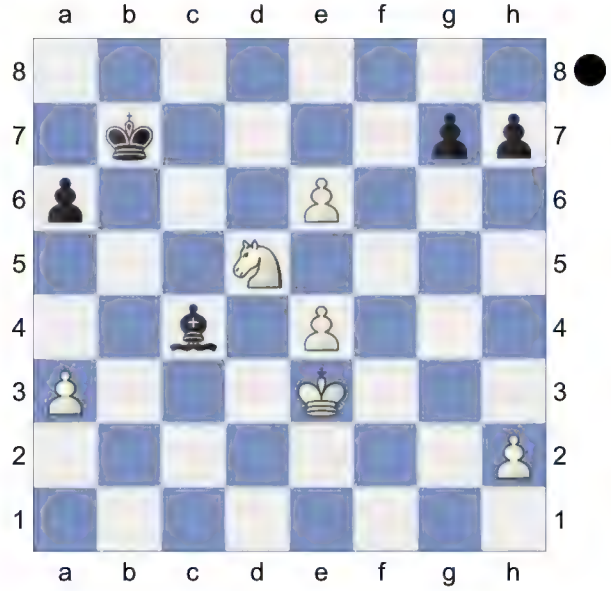

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□ **Flitsch,G A Nther** **2352**
■ **Topolovec,Franz Josef** **2267**
C28 (AUT) ICCF 20.05.2005
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

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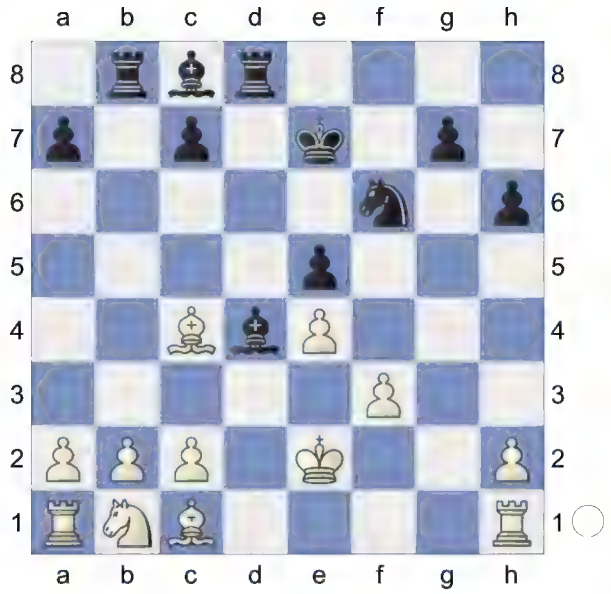
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!

6.Bxd5
[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]

6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Be2 h6 10.Nf3 Nxf3+**

(Diagram)

11.gxf3 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1
[12.Bxd1 simplifies a5 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Be6 15.Be2]
12...Bxf2 13.Bxb5 Rb8 14.Bc4 Rd8+ 15.Ke2 Bd4



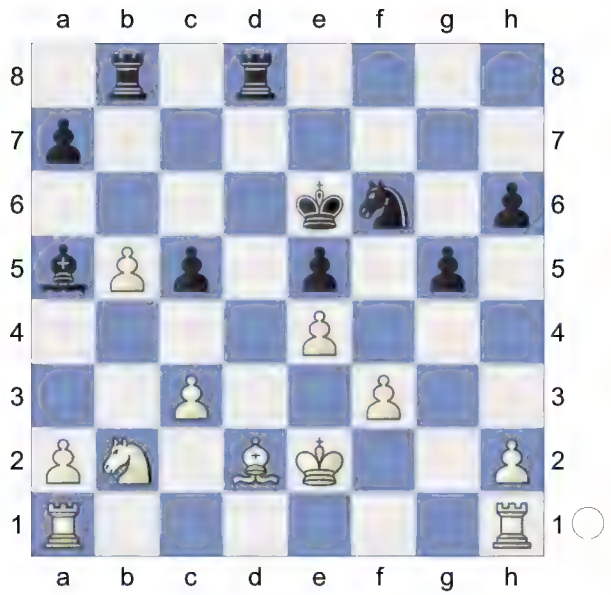
16.Nc3 Bd7 0.56/19 Prevents Nb5.
[16...g5= 0.19/19 feels stronger.]
17.Nd1± Rb4 18.Bd3 Hoping for c3.
18...Rbb8 19.c3 Bb6 20.Ne3 Be6

(Diagram)

21.b3 c6 22.Nc4 Bc7 23.Nb2↑
White has strong initiative. **23...Ba5 24.b4 Bb6 25.Bc4 c5** 1.58/21
[⌓25...g5 1.04/20]

26.b5± Ba5 27.Bd2 g5 28.Bxe6 Kxe6

(Diagram)



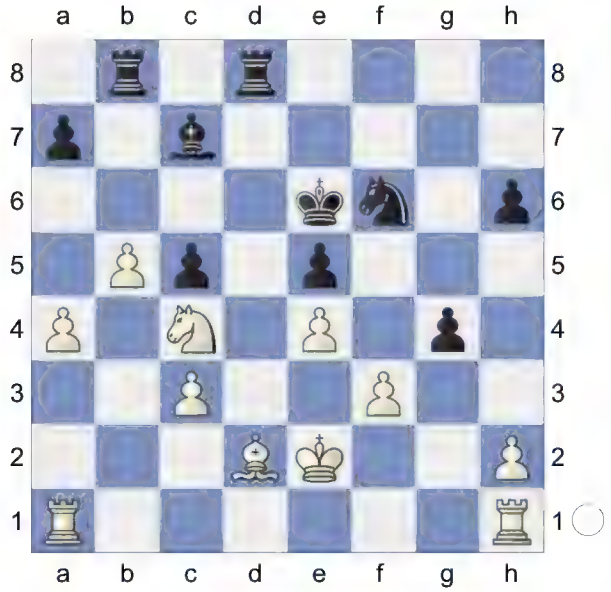
29.Nc4!

[29.a4 g4 30.Rhd1 *(30.Bxh6 Bxc3 31.Rab1 Rh8-+)* 30...Rd7±]

29...Bc7 30.a4 1.46/21

[White should play 30.h4+- 1.89/20 g4 31.Rag1 *(31.Bxh6 gxf3+ 32.Kxf3 Rd3+ 33.Ne3 Rxc3±)*]

30...g4



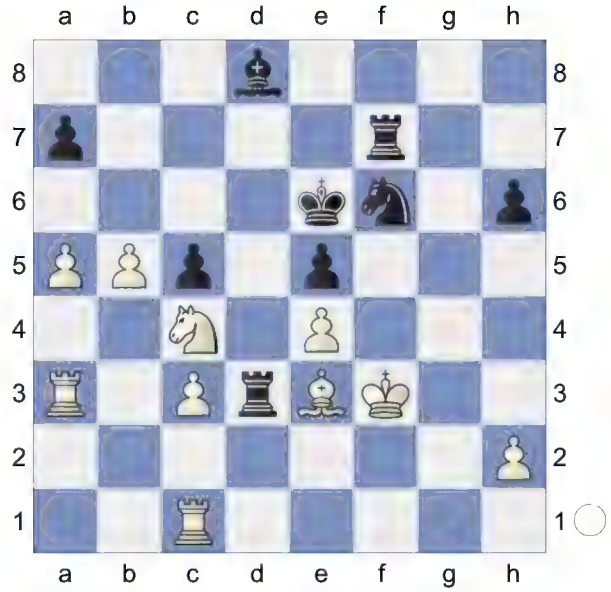
31.Be3 1.29/20

[31.Bxh6 gxf3+ 32.Kxf3 Rh8∓]

[31.Rag1+- 1.68/21]

31...gxf3+ 32.Kxf3 Rd3 33.Rhc1 Rf8 34.Ra3 Rf7 35.a5 aiming for b6.

35...Bd8



36.Ke2 Rdd7 37.Nd2

[37.Bxh6? Rh7 38.Be3 Rxh2+ 39.Kf1 *(39.Kf3? Nh5-+)* 39...Nxe4-+]

[37.Bxc5 Nh5 38.Be3 Nf4+ 39.Bxf4 Rxf4∓]

37...Ng4 White must now prevent ... Nxe3. **38.Bxc5** b6 is the strong threat. **38...Bg5 39.Rd1** Strongly threatening Nb3. **39...Be7** 2.99/21

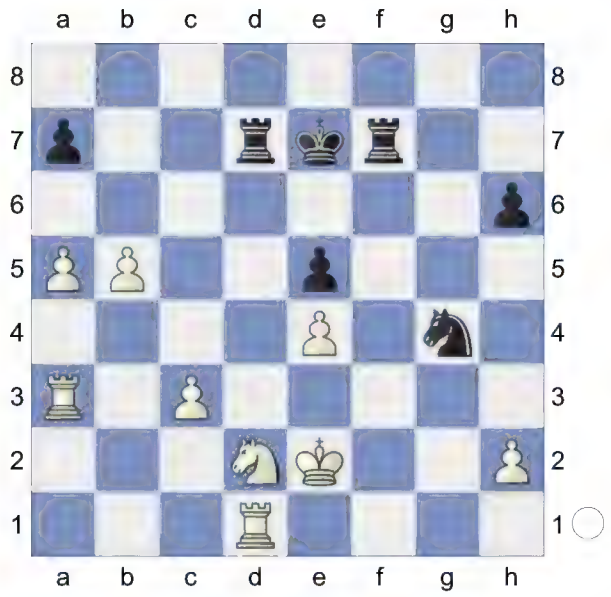
[39...Nf6± 1.51/20]

40.Bxe7+-

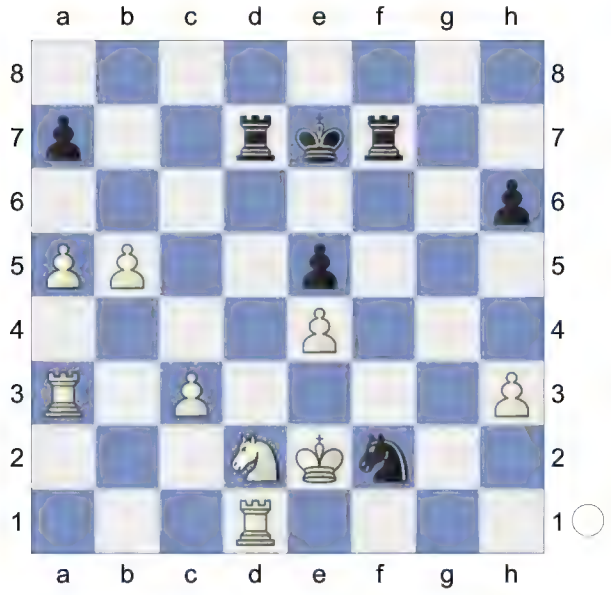
[40.Nb3 Rxd1 41.Kxd1 Bxc5 42.Nxc5+ Kd6±]

40...Kxe7

(Diagram)



41.h3 Nf2



42.Rf1 Nxh3 And now ...Rxd2+! would win. **43.Rxf7+ Kxf7** Endgame. KRN-KRN **44.Nc4** White is clearly winning. **44...Nf4+ 45.Kf3 Kf6**

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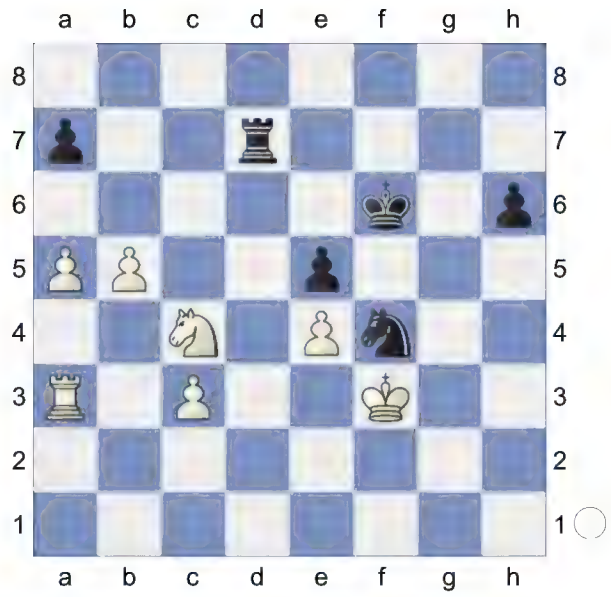
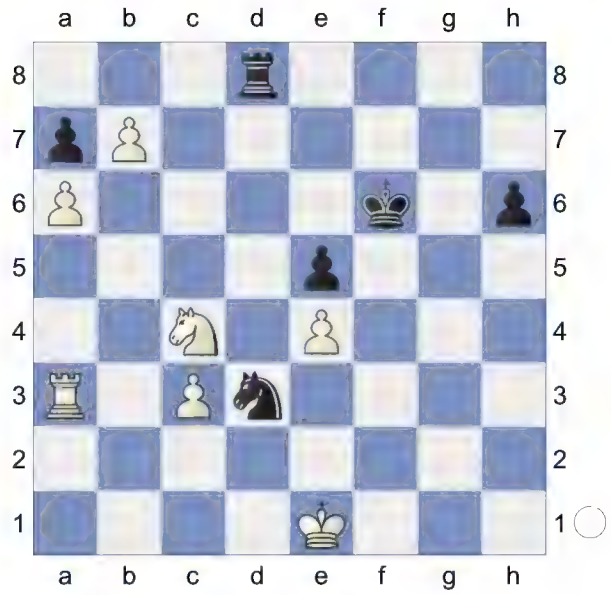


46.a6 Rd3+ 47.Kf2 Nh3+ 48.Ke1 Nf4 49.b6 Rd8 50.b7 Nd3+



51.Ke2 Nc5

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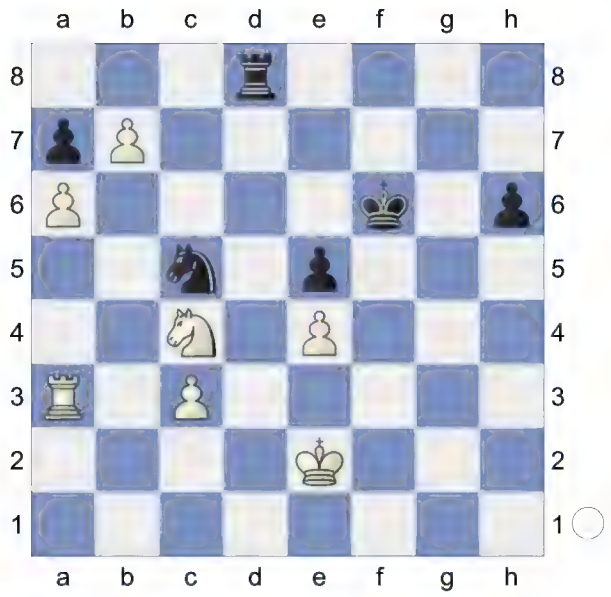
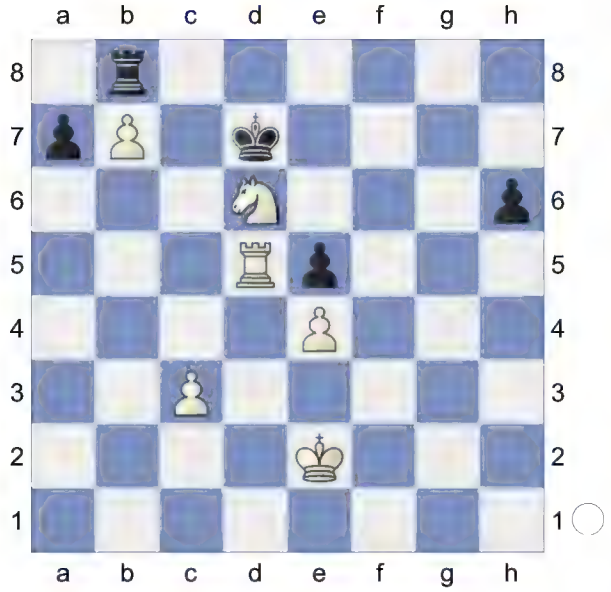


52.Nd6! Deflection, Promotion **52...Rb8** **53.Ra5** **Nxb7** **54.axb7** KRN-KR **54...Ke6** Inhibits c4. **55.Rd5** **Kd7**



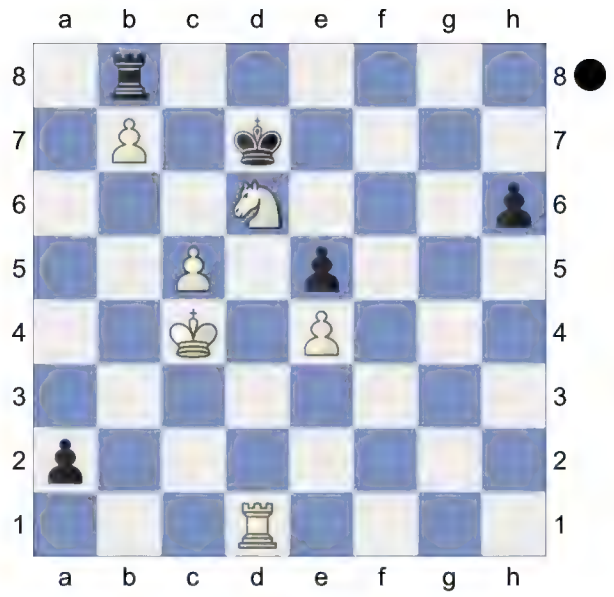
56.c4 **a5** **57.c5** **a4** **58.Kd3** **a3** **59.Kc4** White wants to mate with Nb5+.

[And not 59.Rxe5 a2=]

59...a2 **60.Rd1**

[60.Rxe5? loses. a1Q *(60...a1B? is the wrong capture. 61.Rf5+-)* 61.Rf5 Kc6-+]

(Diagram)



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21 **C57**
□ **Li,Chao** **2320**
■ **Qiao,Liang** **2348**
CHN-chT Torch Real Estate Cup (10)
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
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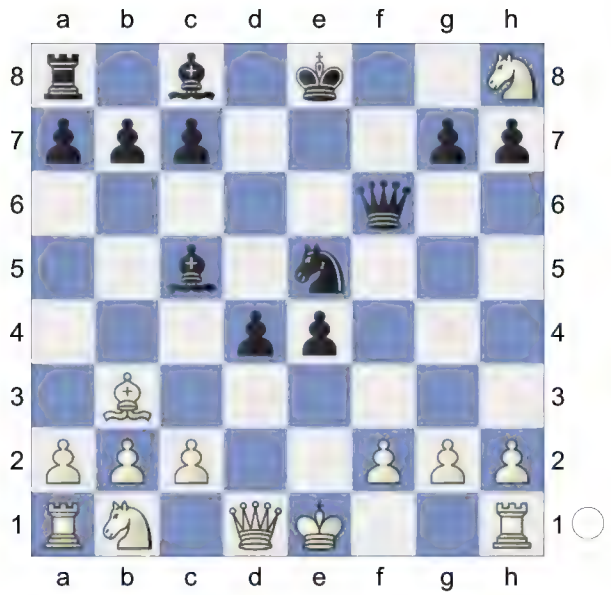
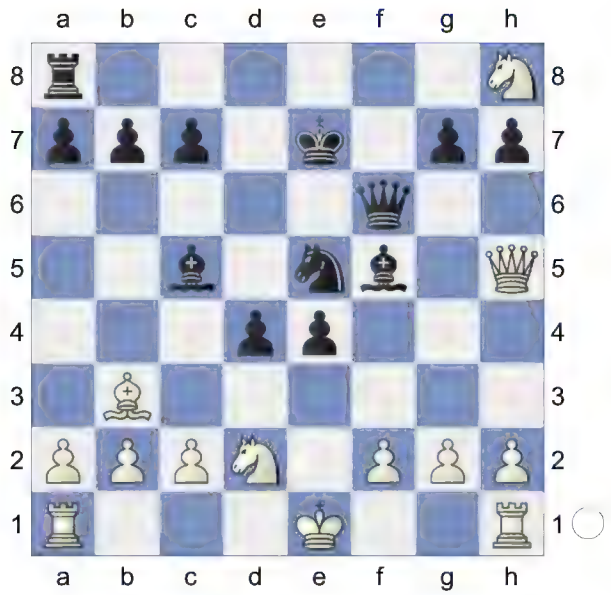
4...Bc5 5.d4 exd4 0.75/19
[5...d5= -0.11/20 remains equal. 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4]

6.Nxf7± White is much more active.
6...Qe7 7.Nxh8 aiming for Bg5. **7...Ne5** 1.28/19
[7...Qxe4+± 0.67/19 8.Qe2 Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 d6]
8.Bb3 White is better. **8...d5 9.Bg5**
[9.exd5? Bg4 10.d6 Bxd6-+ *(10...Qxd6 11.f3±)*]
9...dxe4 10.Bxf6 0.34/21
[Better is 10.0-0± 1.08/21]
10...Qxf6±

(Diagram)



11.Qh5+ Ke7 12.Nd2 Bf5 1.91/22
[12...Bg4± 0.81/21 was worth a try. 13.Qxh7 Bf5]



13.0-0!+- Rxh8

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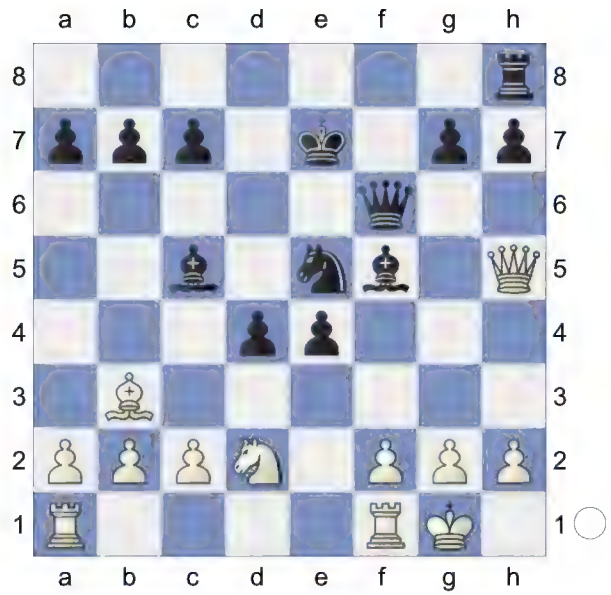
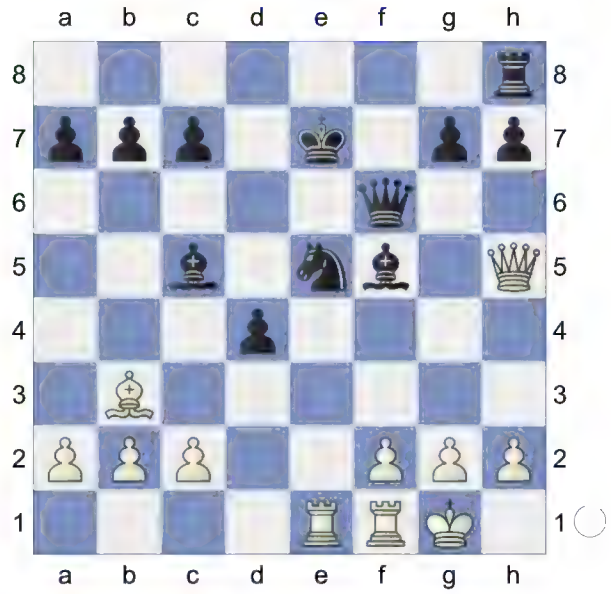
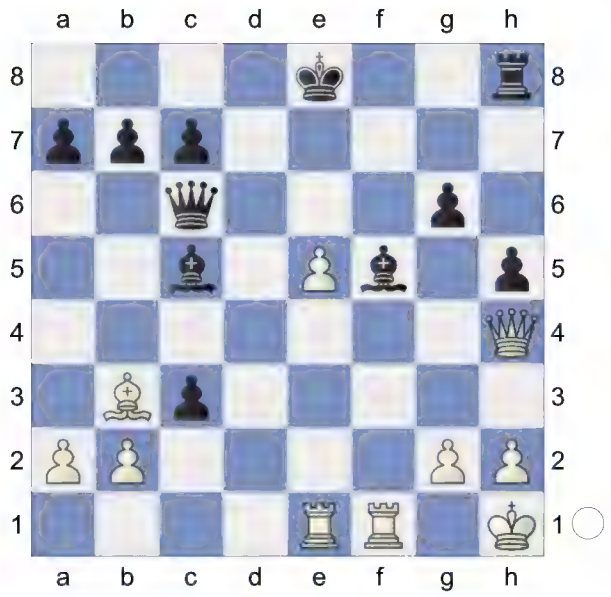


14.Nxe4! Bxe4 15.Rae1 Bf5 3.07/20
[⌂15...g6 1.88/20 16.Qe2 Bf5]



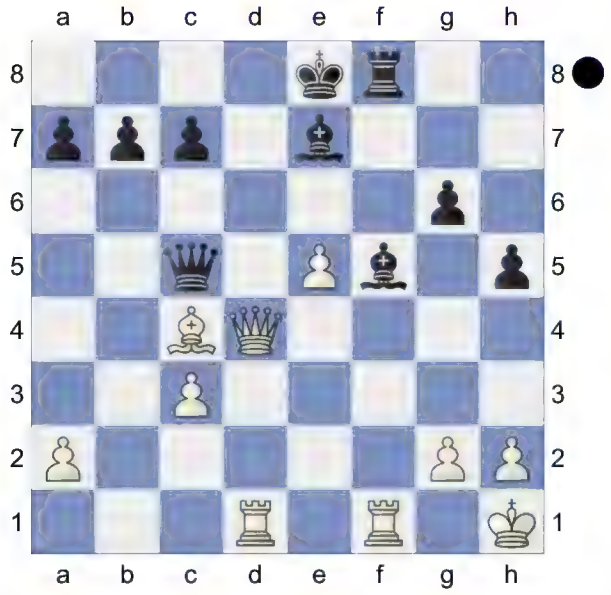
16.f4 Pin **16...g6 17.fxe5**
[17.Rxe5+ Kd7 18.Qf3 Bd6 19.Rxf5 Qxf5+-]
17...Qc6 18.Qh4+ Ke8 19.Kh1
Threatens to win with e6. **19...h5** 4.41/21
[⌂19...Qb6 3.12/19 20.Rd1 Be7 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Rf8]
20.c3 dxc3 4.95/21
[⌂20...Qb6 3.31/19 21.cxd4 Be7]



21.bxc3 2.80/23

[⌂21.Qc4 4.95/21 Kd8 22.e6 *(22.bxc3 Kc8+-; 22.Qxc3 h4+-)*]

21...Rf8 22.Rd1 Be7 23.Qd4 e6 would now be deadly. **23...Qc5 24.Bc4**



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22 **C57**
□ **Schroeder,Christoph** **2305**
■ **Kahl,Fred** **2348**
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[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 White is slightly better. **8...Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 10.b4 Nd4**

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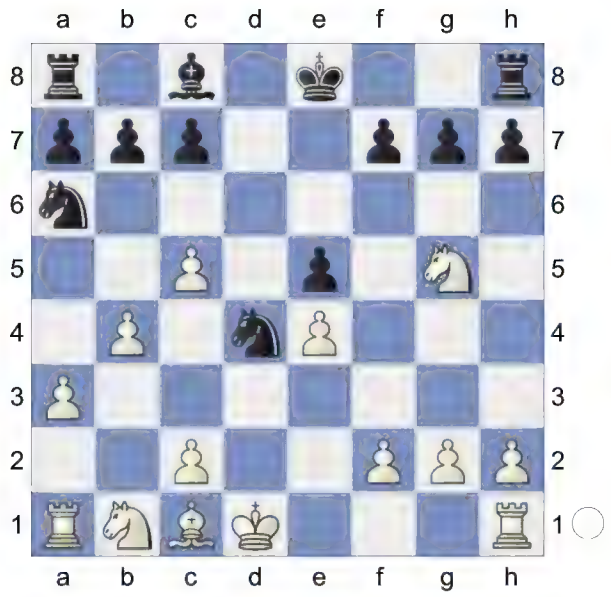

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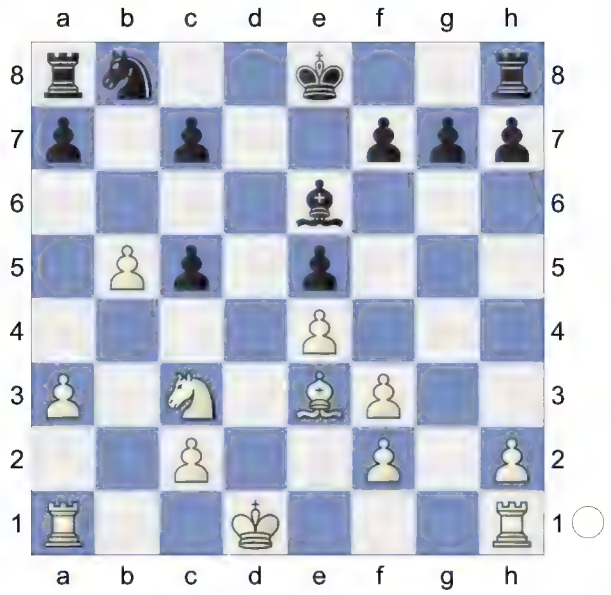

Prevents Nd5 **16.Rg1 g6 17.Bxc5 a6 18.a4 axb5 19.Nxb5 Kd7 20.Be3** White is much more active. **20...Nc6**

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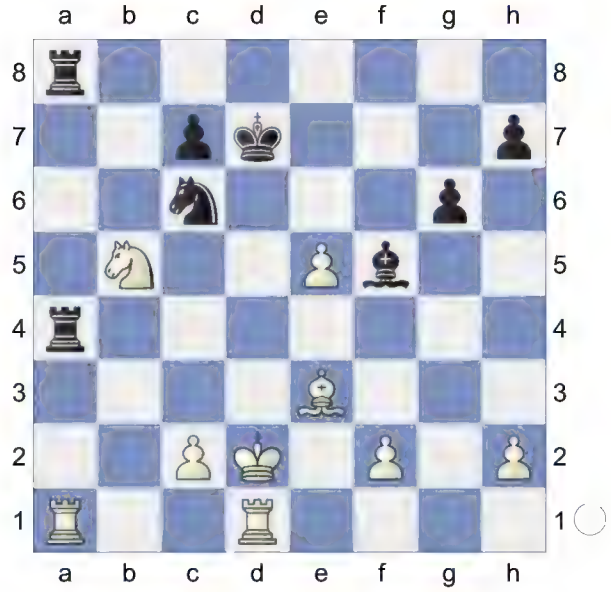
21.f4 Ra6 22.Kd2 f5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.fxe5 next Bf4 is good for White. **24...Rha8! 25.Rgd1 Rxa4**



26.Rxa4

[26.Kc3+ feels hotter. Kc8 27.Rxa4 Rxa4 28.Nd4]

26...Rxa4 27.Kc3+ Kc8! 28.Nd4 Nxe5 29.Nxf5 gxf5 30.Rd5 The position is equal. **30...Rc4+**

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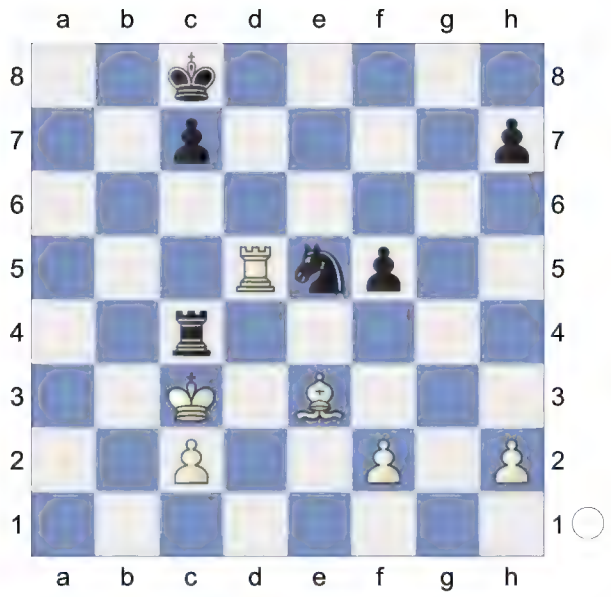

31.Kb3 Re4 32.c3 Kb7

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23 **C57**
□ **Schemmann,Bernhard** **2297**
■ **Rheindt,Stefan** **1272**
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[Kitty Kat]

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4...Bc5 5.d4 Nxd4

6.Nxf7 Qe7 Threatens to win with ...d5! **7.Nxh8** Strongly threatening Bg5. **7...d5** White must now prevent ...Bg4. **8.c3** White is better.

[8.exd5 Bg4 9.Qd2 Ne4∓]

8...Bg4 1.37/20

[8...dxc4± 0.63/20 9.cxd4 Bxd4 *(9...exd4 10.0-0±)*]

9.f3!± Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 Nxe4

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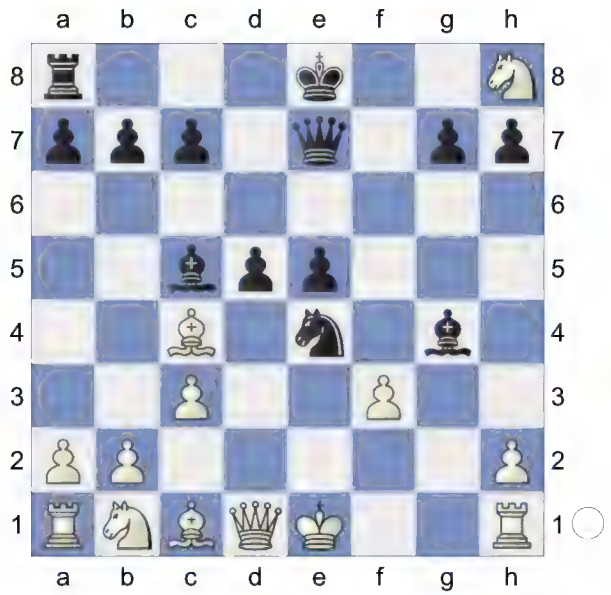

11.h4!

[11.Qxd5 Qh4+ 12.Kd1 Rd8-+ *(12...Bxf3+? 13.Kc2+-; 12...Bxf3+? 13.Kc2+-)*]

11...0-0-0 2.07/21

[11...dxc4± 1.20/21 12.fxg4 Qf6]

12.Bxd5+-

[12.fxg4 Qf8 *(12...dxc4? 13.Qf3+-)* 13.Qe2 *(13.Bxd5? Qf2#)* 13...Bf2+ 14.Kd1 Ng3 15.Qxe5 *(15.Ng6 hxg6 16.Qxe5 dxc4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *17.Kc2 Qf3±* Double Attack*)* 15...dxc4+ 16.Kc2 Re8± *(16...Nxh1? 17.Bf4+-)*]

12...Nf2 13.Qb3 Nd3+

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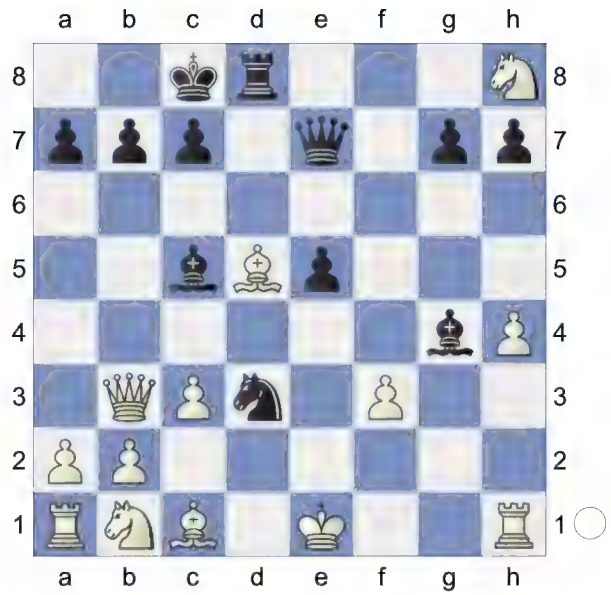

14.Kd1! Bxf3+? 7.21/19

[14...Nf2+ 2.93/21 15.Ke2 c6]

15.Bxf3 e4

16.Bg4+ Kb8 17.Bg5 Nf2+ 18.Ke2 3.35/21

[⊼18.Kc1 7.19/22 Qf8 19.Nf7]

18...Qd6

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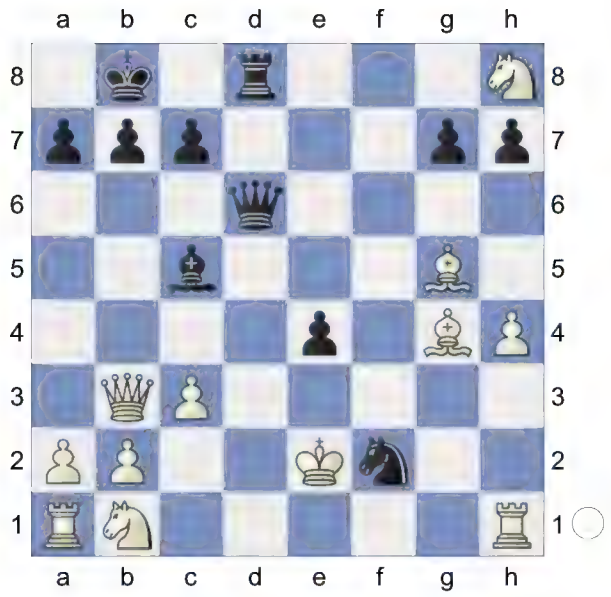
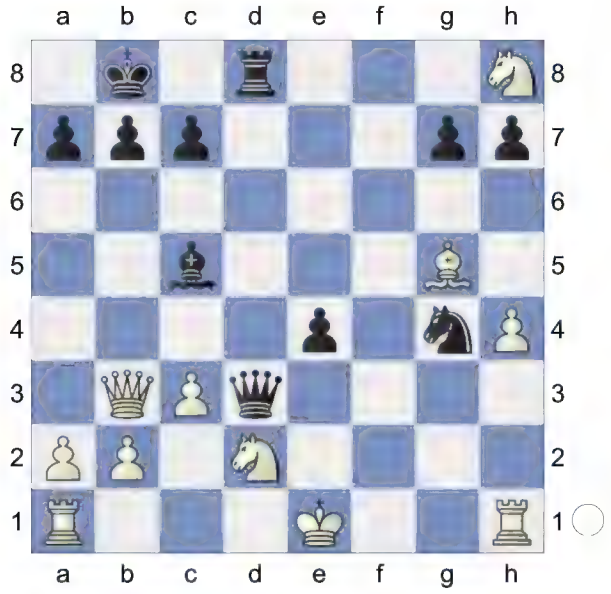


19.Nd2! Qd3+
[19...Qg3 20.Bh5]
20.Ke1 Nxg4 6.44/22
[⌓20...Be3 4.06/19 21.Bxd8 Qxd2+ 22.Kf1 Nxg4 23.Bxc7+ Decoy Kxc7 24.Qc4+ *(24.Qf7+ Kd8+-)* 24...Kb8]



21.Bxd8 White is clearly winning. **21...e3**
22.Nf1 e2

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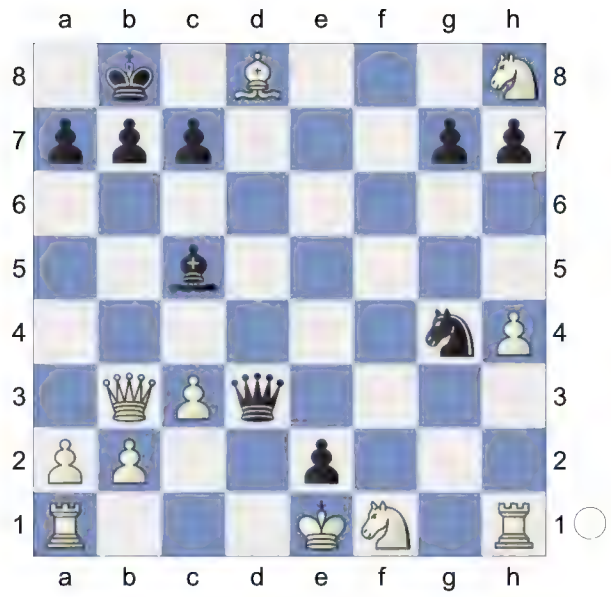

23.Bxc7+! Kxc7 24.Qf7+ Kd8
25.Qg8+
[25.Qxb7? Bf2#]

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24 **C57**
□ **Cvak,Rudolf** **2297**
■ **Baltar,Antoni** **2200**
corr ZH-Match 29.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
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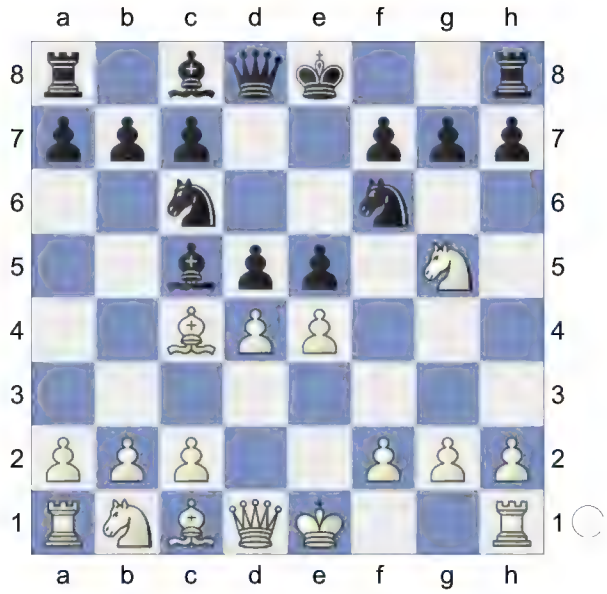
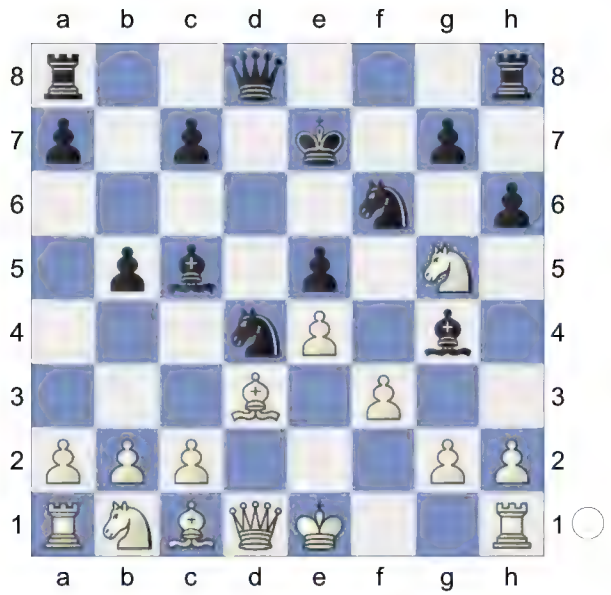
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.Bxd5
[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]
6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+
[7.Nxf7!? Qe7□ 8.Nxh8±]
7...Ke7 8.Bc4! White is slightly better.
8...b5 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.f3 h6

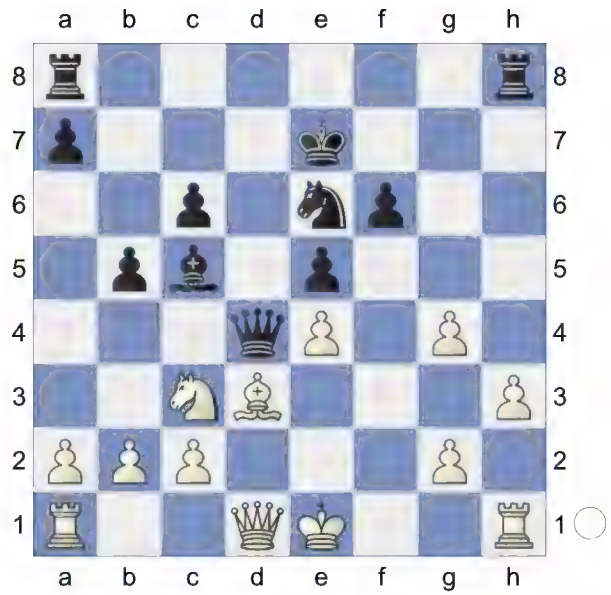
(Diagram)



11.fxg4 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Ne6

Strongly threatening ...Qd4. **13.Bxf6+ gxf6 14.Nc3** Qf3! is the strong threat. **14...c6 15.h3 Qd4**

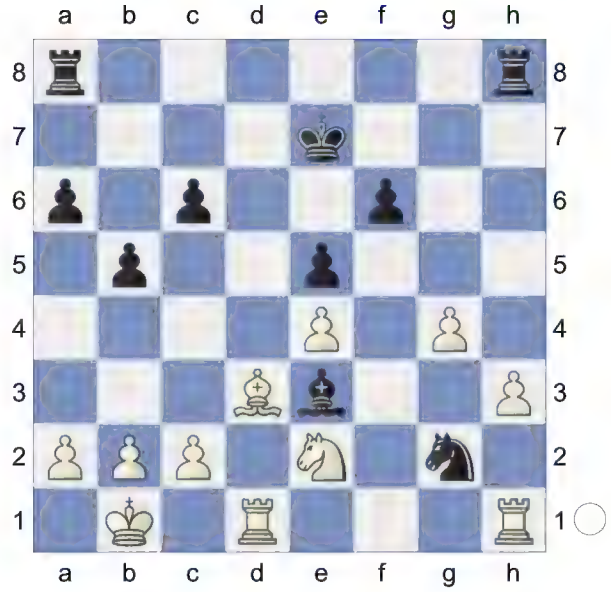
(Diagram)



16.Qd2 Repels Qf2+ **16...Nf4 17.0-0-0 Qe3 18.Qxe3 Bxe3+ 19.Kb1 a6** 1.02/21

[19...Rad8± 0.65/20 was preferrable.]

20.Ne2 Nxg2



21.Ng3 Nh4 22.a3 Rad8 23.c3 Bg5 0.82/21

[23...Bf4± 0.44/20 24.Nf5+ Nxf5 25.exf5 Bg5]

24.a4 Bf4 25.Nf5+ Nxf5

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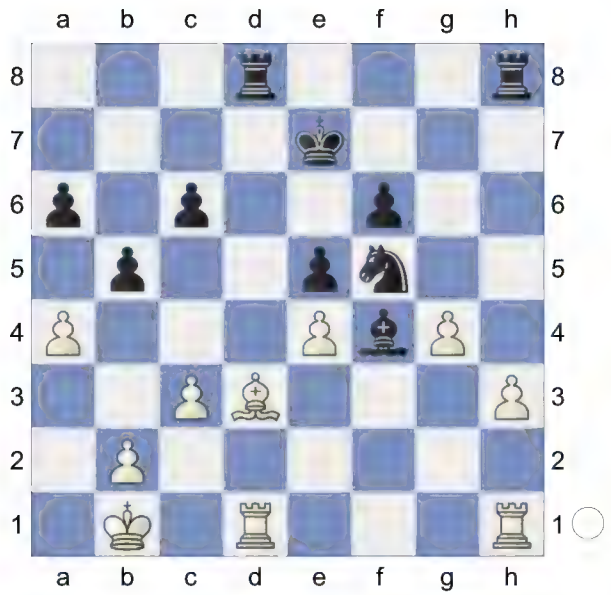
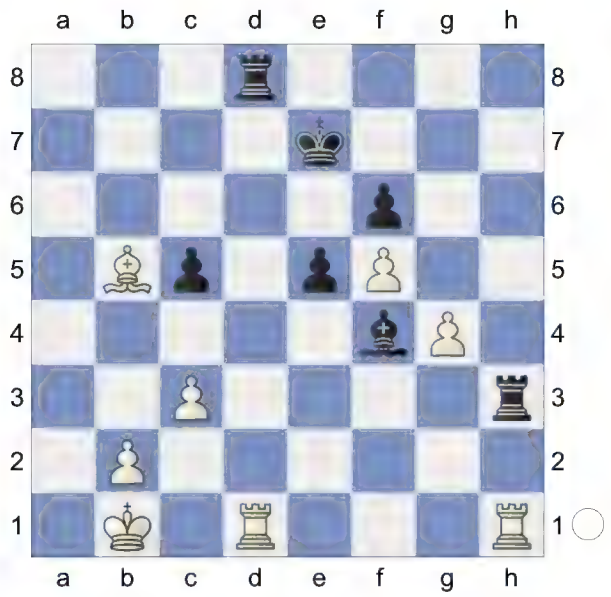


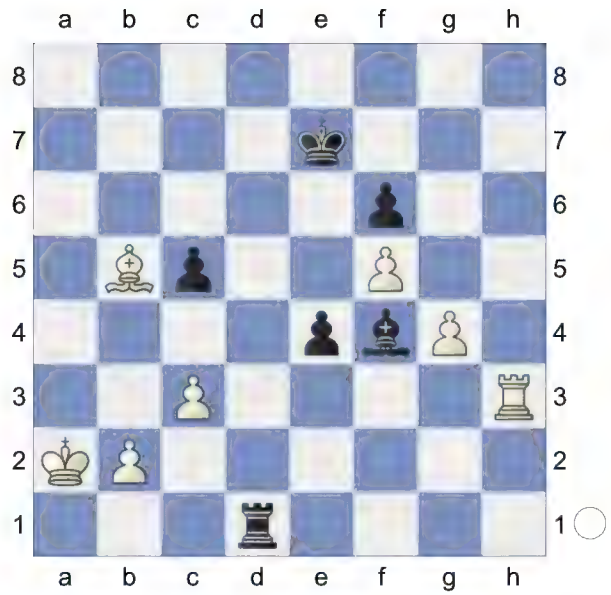
26.exf5 c5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bxb5 Rxh3



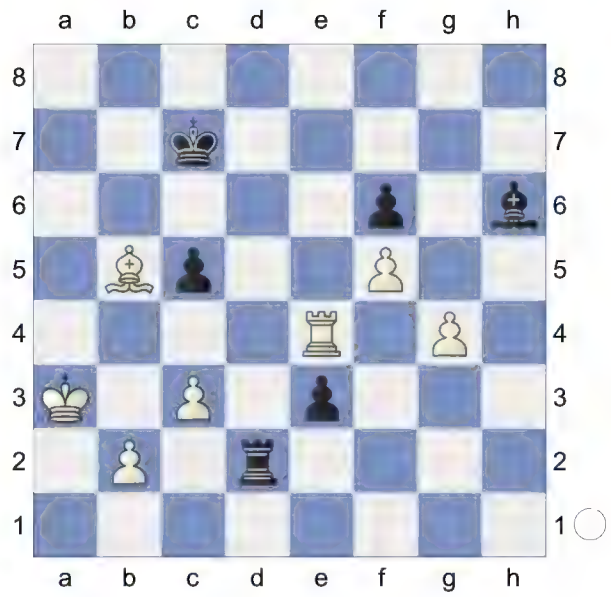
Deflection **29.Rxh3** Rh7+ would kill now. **29...Rxd1+±** Endgame. KRB-KRB **30.Ka2 e4** 1.28/23

[⌓30...Rg1 0.84/21]

(Diagram)



31.Rh7+ Kd8 32.Rh8+ Kc7 33.Re8 e3 34.Re4 Bh6 35.Ka3 Rd2



36.Re7+ 0.75/23

[⌓36.b4 1.42/23]

36...Kd8 1.28/25

[Black should try 36...Kb6 0.75/23 37.Bc4 Bg5]

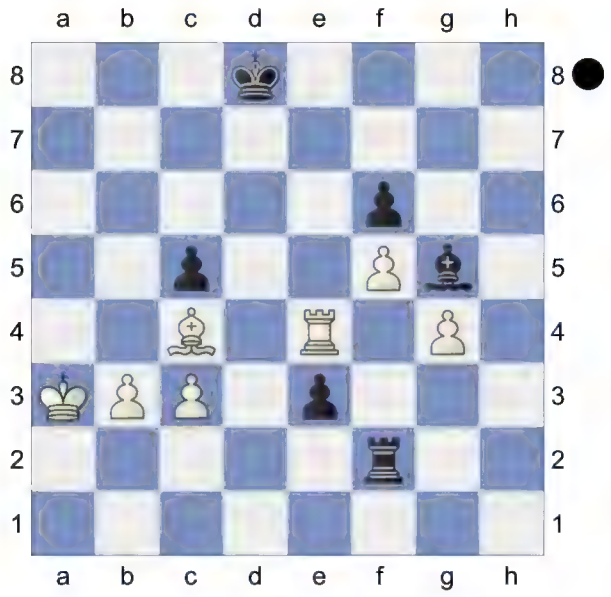
37.Re8+ 0.78/5

[White should play 37.Re6 1.28/25]

37...Kc7 38.Bc4 Bg5 39.Re7+ Kd8 40.Re4 Rf2

(Diagram)

41.b3



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25 **C57**
□ **Fruebing,Thomas** **2232**
■ **Schuermans,Robert** **2103**
Calvia Amateur op 6th (5) 14.10.2009
[Kitty Kat]

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4...Bc5 5.d4 Bxd4? 1.68/19
[5...d5!= 0.09/19 6.Bxd5 Bb4+ 7.c3 Nxd5]

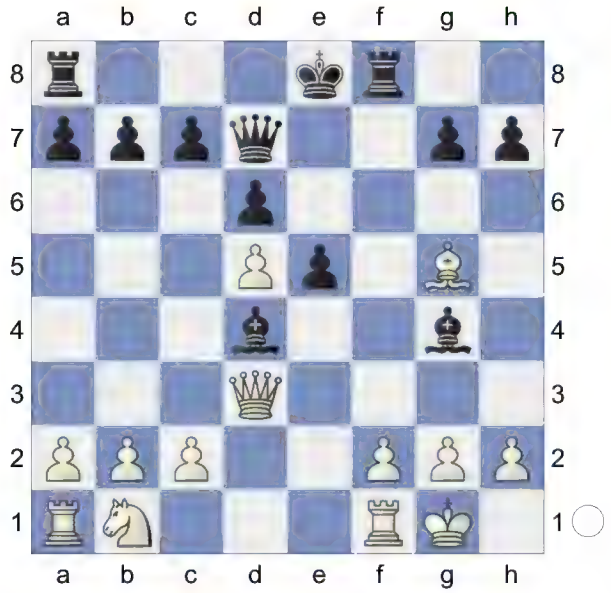
6.Bxf7+? 0.14/18
[6.Nxf7+- 1.68/19 Bxf2+ 7.Kxf2]
6...Ke7= ...h6 would now be deadly.
7.Bd5 Rf8 8.Nf3 Bb6 9.Bg5 d6 10.Nh4 Ke8

(Diagram)

11.0-0 Bg4 12.Qd3 Nd4 Strongly threatening ...Be2. **13.Nf5 Qd7 14.Nxd4**

[14.Bxb7 is interesting. Be2 15.Qd2 Bxf1 16.Bxa8 Bc4]

14...Nxd5 15.exd5 Bxd4



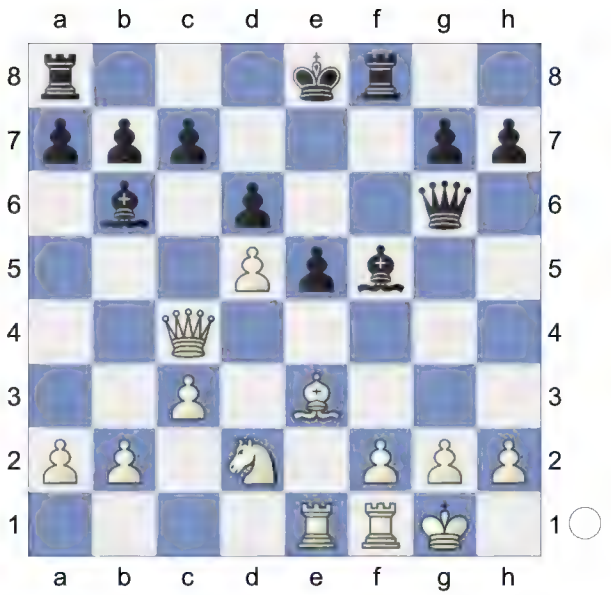
16.c3

[16.Nd2 keeps more tension. Qf5 17.Ne4 Qg6 18.Be3]

16...Bb6 17.Nd2 Qf7 0.03/20

[17...Qf5∓ -0.39/19 18.Ne4 Qg6]

18.Be3! Qh5 19.Rae1 Inhibits Be2. Threatening f4! **19...Bf5 20.Qc4 Qg6!**

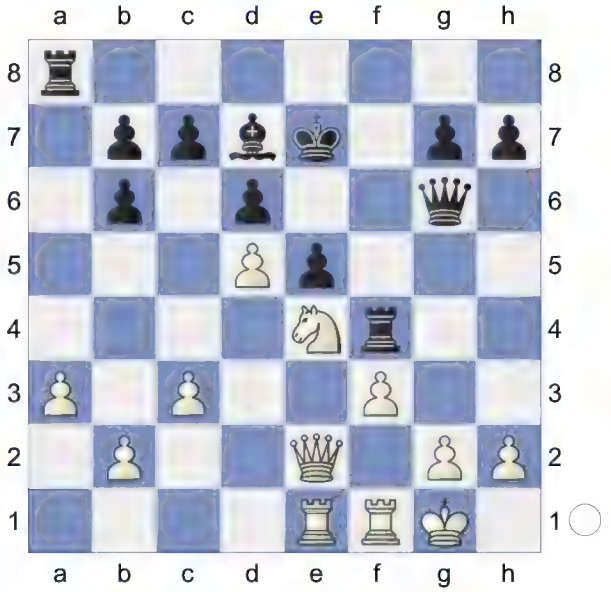


21.Bxb6 Remove Defender **21...axb6 22.Ne4** -0.29/20

[22.Qxc7± 0.34/20 Bh3 *(22...Rxa2? 23.Nc4+-)* 23.g3]

22...Kd8 23.f3 Bd7 24.a3 Rf4 25.Qe2 Ke7 -0.05/19

[25...h5∓ -0.55/18]



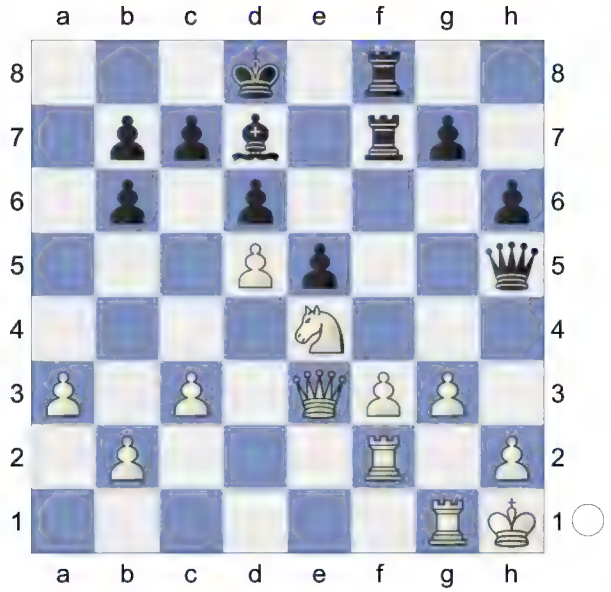
26.Rf2 Raf8 27.g3 Kd8 28.Kh1 R4f7 29.Qe3

[29.Kg2 with more complications. Kc8 30.b4 b5 31.c4]

29...h6 30.Rg1 -0.68/20

[30.c4= -0.29/19]

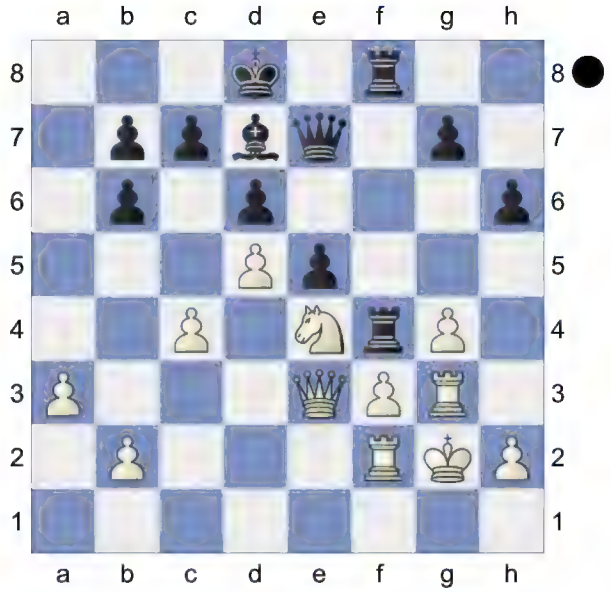
30...Qh5



31.g4 -0.99/22

[31.Nd2!∓ -0.61/22 should be considered.]

31...Qh4∓ 32.Rg3 Rf4 33.Kg2 Qe7 34.c4



Qf7 -0.48/17

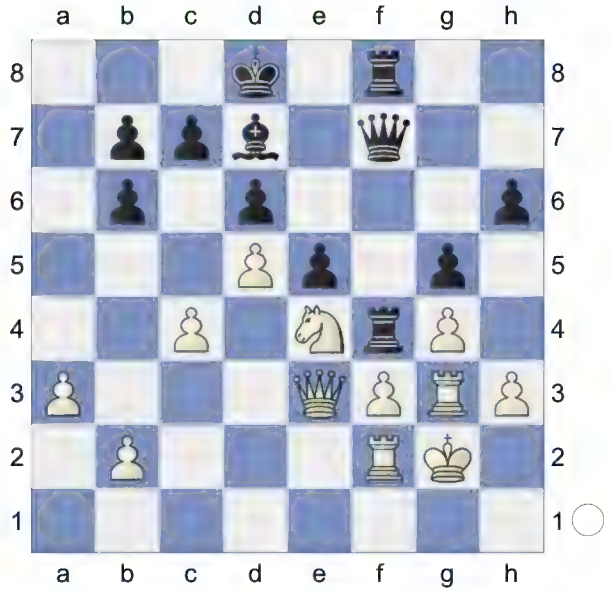
[34...Be8!∓ -1.12/20 35.Re2 Kc8]

35.h3 -0.95/19

[35.b4∓ -0.48/17 deserves consideration.]

35...g5 -0.01/19

[Black should try 35...h5∓ -0.95/19 Hoping for ...h4. 36.Kg1 Kc8]

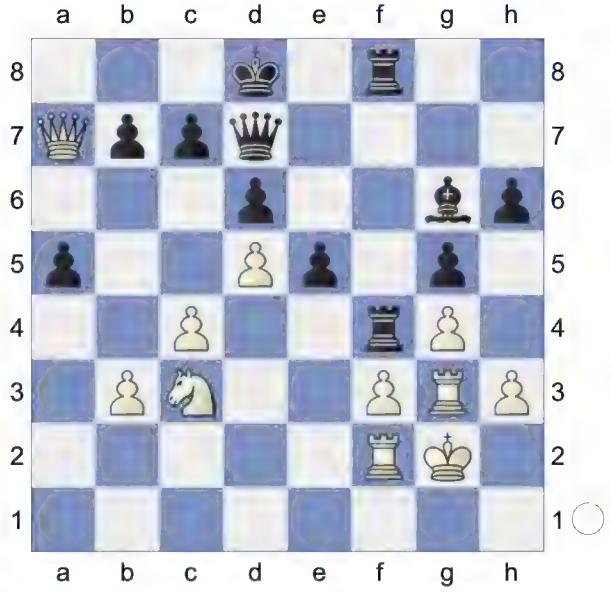


36.b3 Active counter play!

[36.b4 feels hotter. Kc8 37.Rd2 h5 38.Nxg5 Qg6 39.gxh5 Qxh5 40.Ne6]

36...Qh7 37.a4 Be8 38.a5! Bg6 39.Nc3 bxa5 ...b6 is the strong threat.

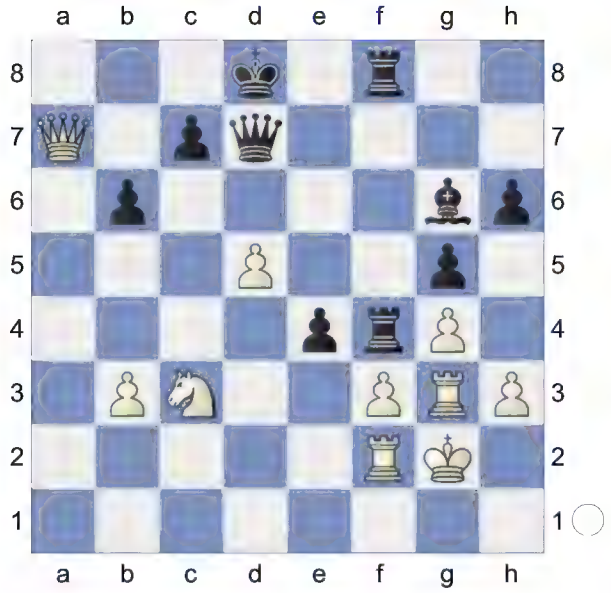
40.Qa7 Qd7



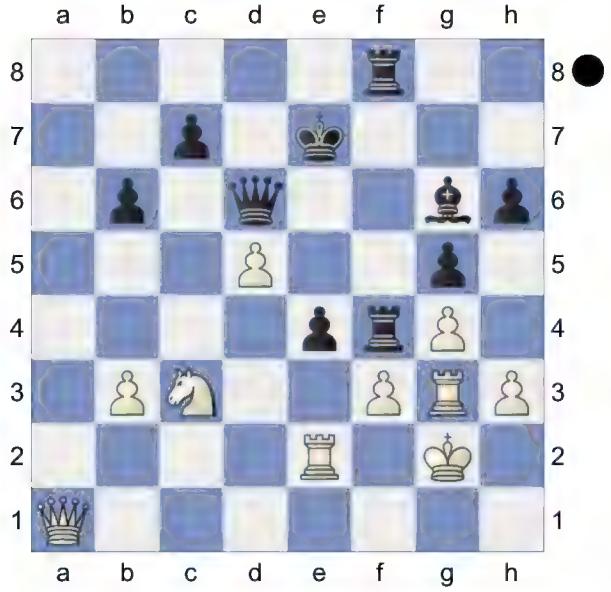
41.Qa8+ Qc8 42.Qxa5 e4 43.c5 dxc5! 44.Qxc5 Qd7 -0.01/23

Wards off d6

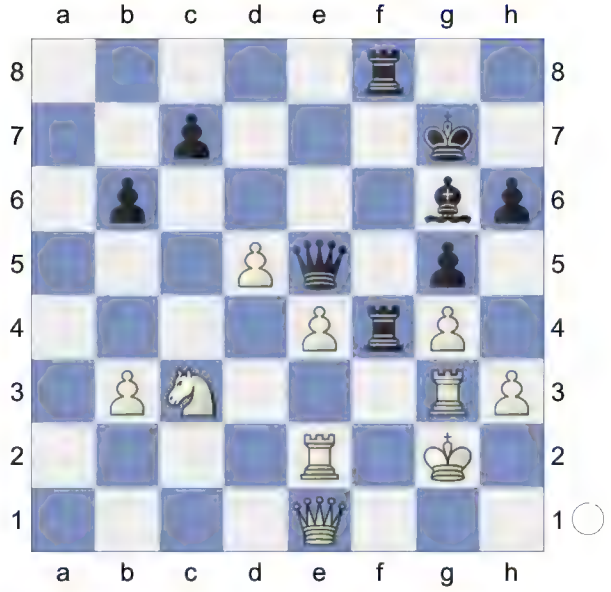
[44...b6∓ -0.65/23 45.Qe3 Qa6]
45.Qa7 -0.71/22
[45.Ra2!= -0.01/23 exf3+ 46.Kf2]
45...b6



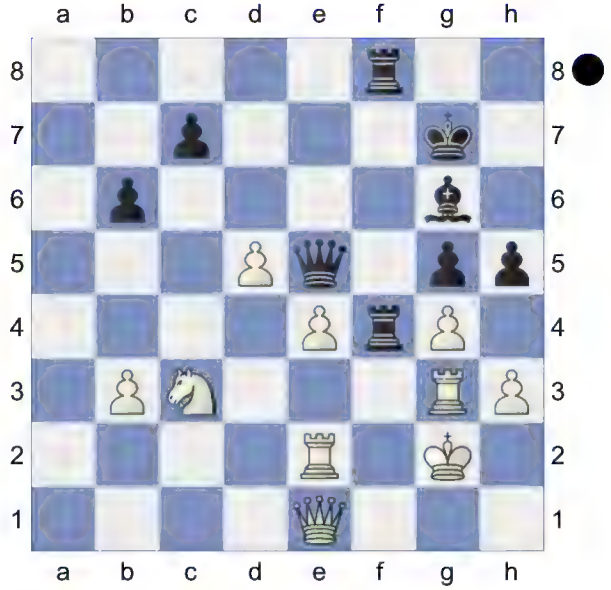
46.Qa8+ Ke7 47.Qa1 -1.25/23
[47.Qa6∓ -0.60/21]
47...Qd6 -0.47/22
[Better is 47...exf3+∓ -1.25/23 48.Rgxf3 Rxf3 49.Rxf3 Rxf3 50.Qe1+ Kd8 51.Kxf3 Bc2]
48.Re2



Kf7 -0.01/20
[Black should play 48...Qe5!∓ -0.79/22 49.Qa3+ Kf7 50.fxe4 h5]
49.fxe4= Qe5 50.Qe1 -0.78/21
[50.Qa4= -0.01/20 keeps the balance.]
50...Kg7∓



Black has strong compensation.
51.Rge3 h5 52.Rg3 -9.41/20
[52.Nd1∓ -0.75/22]



52...Rf1!-+ 53.Qd2 h4 54.Rd3

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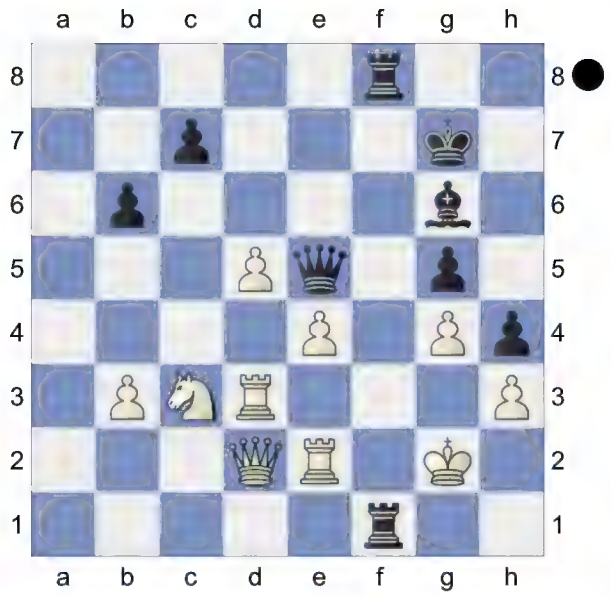
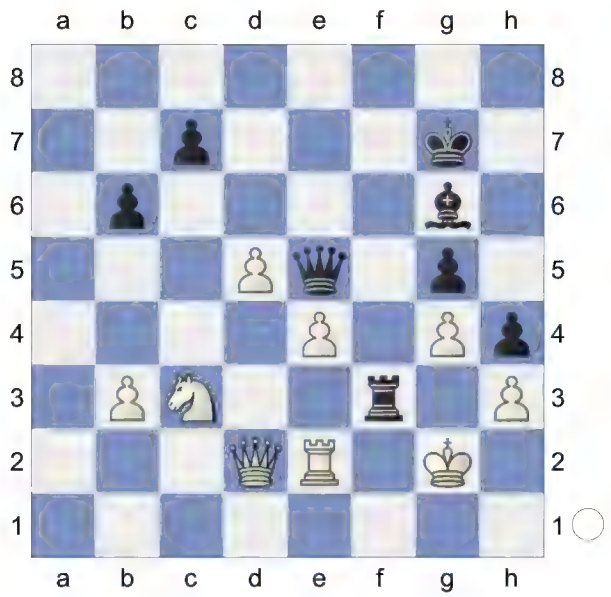


R8f3!! 55.Rxf3 Rxf3



56.Rf2 Qg3+ 57.Kf1 Qxh3+ 58.Ke2 Rxc3 59.Qd4+ Kg8 White must now prevent ...Rc2+. **60.Rf8+ Kxf8**

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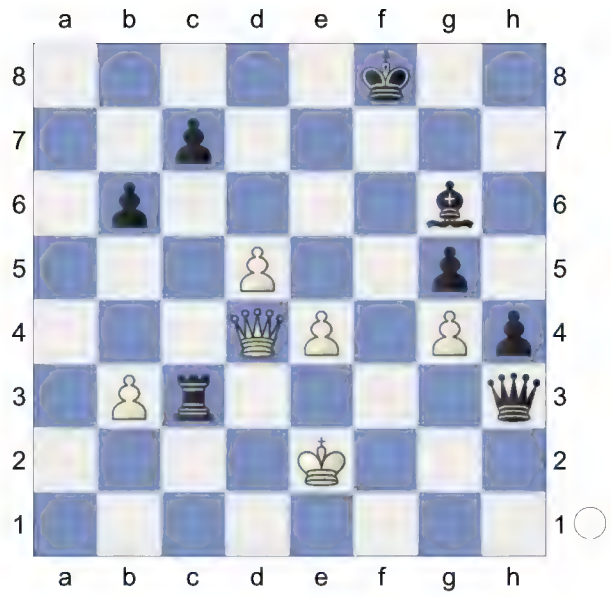
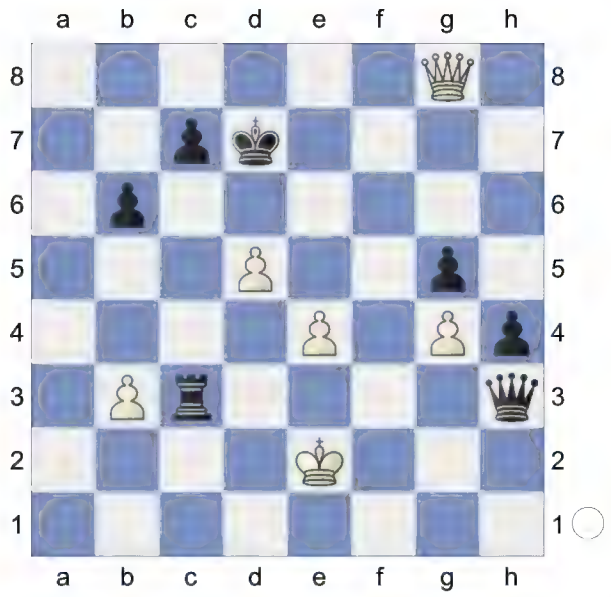


61.Qf6+ Ke8? 0.01/15

[61...Bf7-+ -8.61/21 (-> ...Qe3+) 62.Qd8+ Kg7 63.Qxg5+ Kh7 64.Qf5+ Bg6 65.Qd7+ Kh6 66.g5+ Kh5 67.Qxh3 Rxh3 68.e5 Rxb3 69.d6 cxd6 *(69...Kxg5* is a self mate. *70.d7 Rd3 71.e6 h3 72.d8R Rxd8 73.e7 Re8 74.Kf2 Rxe7 75.Kg3 Re2 76.Kf3 Bh5+ 77.Kg3 h2 78.Kh3 h1Q+ 79.Kg3 Qh4#)* 70.exd6 h3 *(70...Kxg5 71.d7 Rd3 72.d8R Rxd8 73.Kf3 h3 74.Kg3 Rd1 75.Kxh3 Be4 76.Kg3 Rd2 77.Kh3 Kf4 78.Kh4 Rh2#)* 71.d7 Rd3 *(71...Kxg5 72.d8Q+ Kh6 73.Qd2+ Kh7 74.Kf2±)* 72.d8Q Rxd8 73.Kf2 h2 *(73...Kxg5 74.Kg3 Bh5 75.Kxh3 Rd2 76.Kg3 Bd1 77.Kh3 Kf4 78.Kh4 Rh2#)* 74.Kg2 Rd2+ *(74...Kxg5 75.Kxh2 Rd2+ 76.Kh1 Kh4 77.Kg1 Kg3 78.Kf1 Bh5 79.Kg1 Rd1#)* 75.Kg3 h1Q *(75...h1R* gets mated. *76.Kf3 Kxg5 77.Ke3 Rhh2 78.Kf3 Rh3#)* 76.Kf4 Qh2+ 77.Kf3 Qf2#]

62.Qxg6+= The position is equal.

62...Kd8 63.Qg8+ Kd7 64.Qe6+ Kd8 65.Qg8+ Kd7



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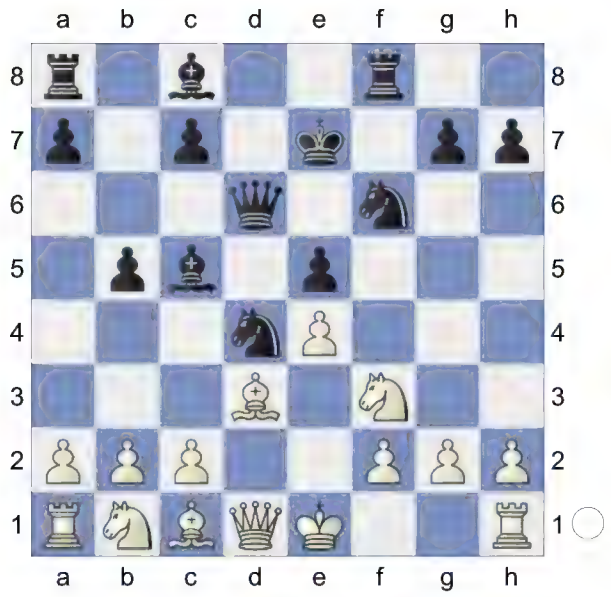
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4! White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 10.Nf3** 0.46/16
[10.c3± 0.82/18 Ne6 11.0-0 *(11.Bxb5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Ng4∓)*]
10...Qd6

(Diagram)

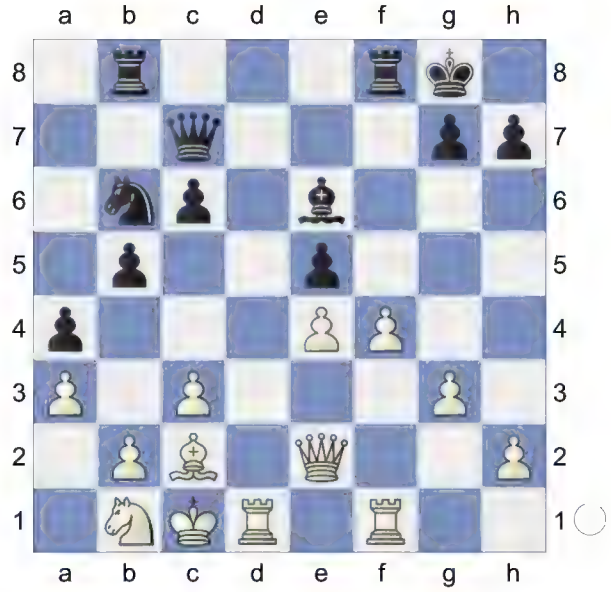


11.Nc3 0.18/18
[11.Nbd2± 0.63/18]
11...c6!= 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.f3 Wards off Ng4 **13...a5 14.Qe2 Nh5 15.g3 Bh3**

16.Bd2 a4 17.a3! Nf6
[17...Qf6 18.0-0-0=]
18.0-0-0 Be6 Against Na2 **19.Nb1 Rab8 20.c3 Bb6**

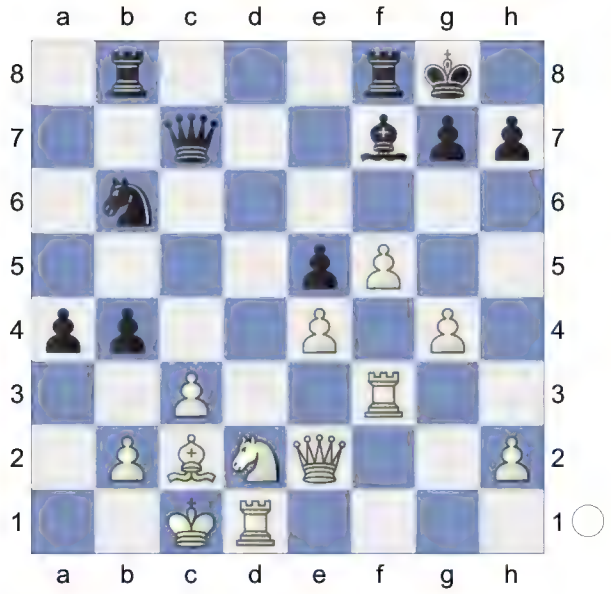
(Diagram)

21.Be3 Bxb6 is the strong threat.
21...Qc7 22.Bc2 Nd7 23.Bxb6 Nxb6 24.Rhf1 Kf7 25.f4 Kg8



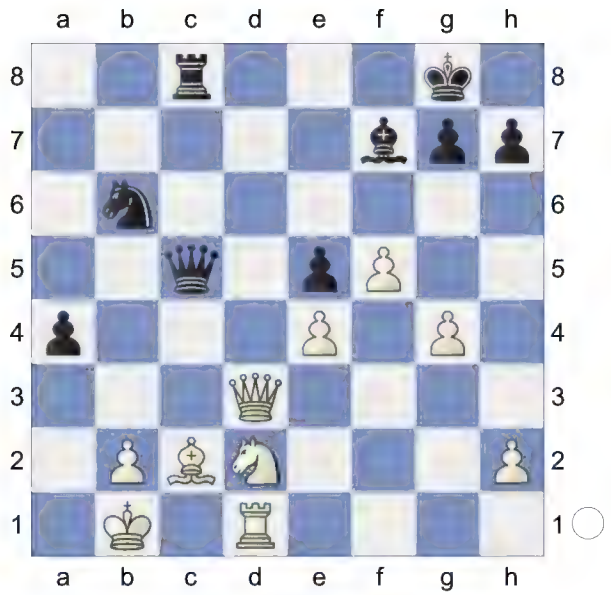
26.Nd2 0.04/19
[26.f5± 0.41/21 Bc4 27.Bd3]
26...c5 0.41/19
[26...exf4= 0.04/19 27.e5 Nd5]
27.f5±
[Reject 27.Qxb5 Nc4 28.Qa6 *(28.Qxa4? Nxb2 29.Qa6 Rb6-+)* 28...Rb6∓ *(28...Nxb2? 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.Qxe5+-; 28...Nxb2? 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.Qxe5+-)*]

27...Ba2 28.Rf3
[Inferior is 28.Qxb5 Nc4∓]
28...Bf7 29.g4
[And not 29.Qxb5 Nc4∓]
29...b4 30.axb4 cxb4

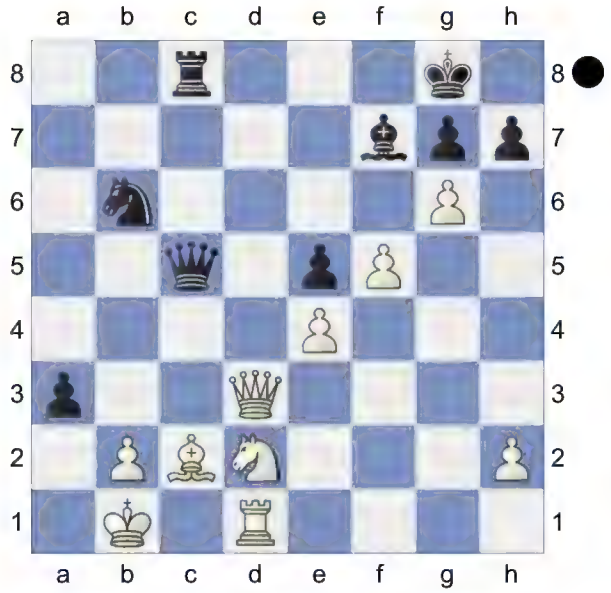


31.cxb4 Rfc8 0.47/20
[31...Qd6= -0.02/20]
32.Rc3 -0.01/23
[32.Qd3!± 0.47/20]
32...Qd6 The position is equal. **33.Qd3 Qxb4 34.Rxc8+ Rxc8 35.Kb1! Qc5**
[35...h6 simplifies 36.Qa3 Qxa3 37.bxa3 Rc3]

(Diagram)

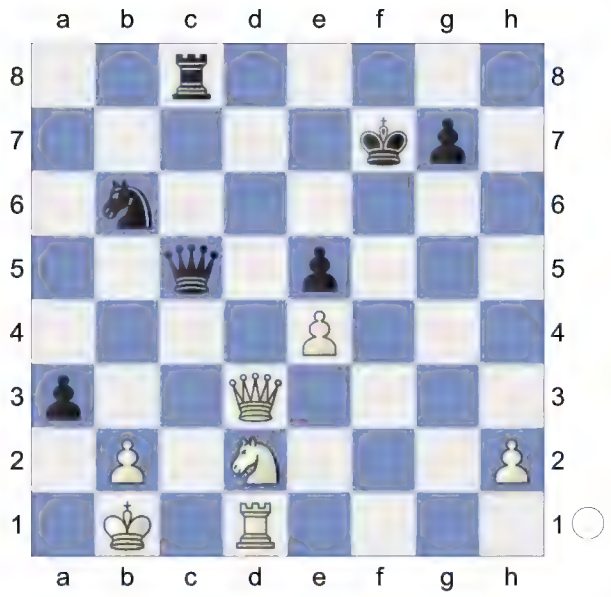


36.g5 a3! 37.g6

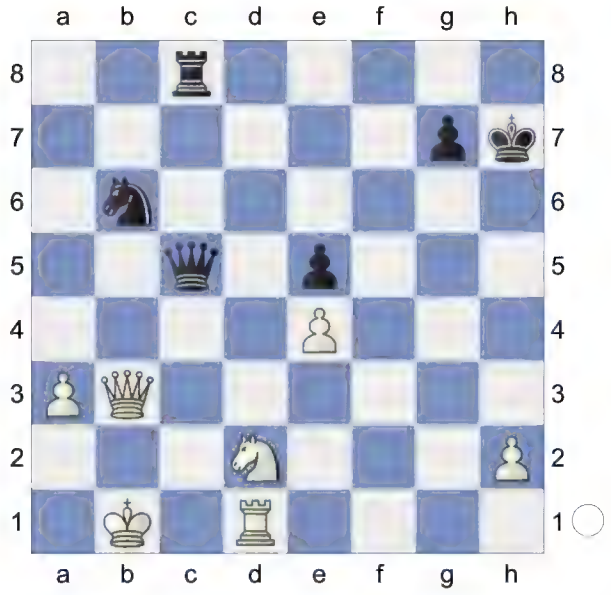


Deflection **37...hxg6 38.fxg6 Bxg6 39.Bb3+ Bf7! 40.Bxf7+ Kxf7**

(Diagram)



41.Qb3+ Kg6 42.bxa3 Kh7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

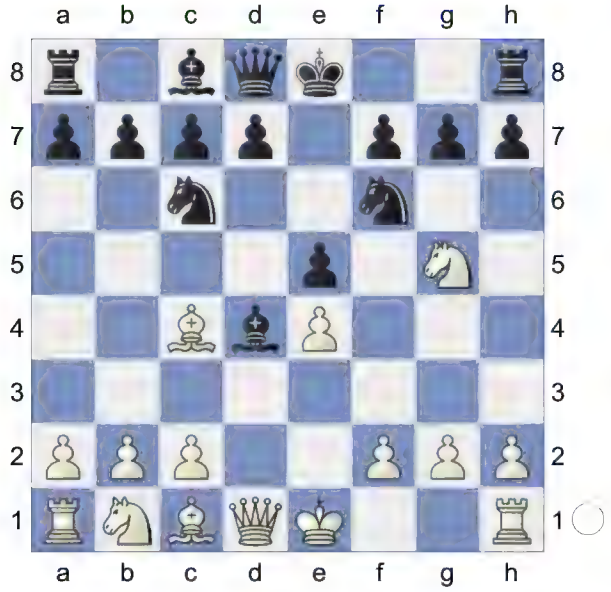
27 **C57**
□ **Prill,Daniel** **2192**
■ **Prill,Gerhard** **1992**
Untergrombach op 32nd (4) 05.01.2015
[Quintiliano,Renato]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5?! 5.d4!? White aims to get an improved version of the main lines with this move. **5...Bxd4?** 1.63/21 And this just plays into his hands.

[5...d5! is the best chance, see next game.]

[Better is 5...d5± 0.54/20]



6.Nxf7+-

[Stronger than 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Bd5 Qe8=]

6...Qe7 7.Nxh8 Bxf2+ 8.Kf1!? 0.84/19

[8.Kxf2 Qc5+ and the absence of the d-pawn helps White's development. 9.Be3 would transpose to the previous line Qxc4 10.Nc3 d6 11.Rf1! Ng4+? 2.01/22 *(11...Be6±* 1.05/21 *)* 12.Kg1+- Nxe3? 4.82/23 *(12...Be6* 2.29/20 is a better defense. *13.Qd2 Nf6)* 13.Qh5++- g6 14.Qxh7+- with a winning attack.]

[8.Kxf2+- 1.84/22 Qc5+ 9.Ke1 Qxc4 10.Nc3]

8...Bb6N Black intends to create some threats, but he has neither enough time nor pieces to accomplish his goal.

[8...d5 9.exd5 Nd4 10.d6 cxd6 11.Bf7+ Kd8 12.c3 Bg4 13.Qa4 Ne4 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Bf4 Qf6 16.Ke1 Qxf4 0-1 O'Sullivan,S-Slate Slater,D ENG corr England 1992]

9.Bf7+ A good way to make Black's development harder. **9...Kd8 10.c3?!** 0.10/22 But this looks a bit slow and careless.

[10.Nc3 was a better choice, looking for development.

A) 10...Qc5 11.Qf3 Against Qf2+ Nd4 White was probably afraid of this move, but it is actually harmless: 12.Qg3 Nxc2? 2.92/22 *(12...Qf8±* 1.19/21 was called for.*)* 13.Bg5!+-;

B) 10...Qf8 11.Bg5 Qxh8 12.g3 d6 13.Kg2+- Dodges Bh3+ and White has no problems consolidating his advantage.]

[10.Bb3 also seems good, bringing the knight back. Qc5 11.Qf3 Repels Qf2+. Black must now prevent Bg5. Nd4 12.Be3!+-]

[10.Nc3± 0.90/22]

10...Nxe4? 0.94/22

[10...d6 would be a better try. 11.Bg5 *(11.Qd3!?)* 11...Bg4 White's play is not so simple here, although he still keeps an advantage. 12.Qe1! *(for example 12.Qxg4? Nxg4 13.Bxe7+ Kxe7 14.Ke2! Rxh8 15.Bb3 Rf8 16.Rf1 Rxf1 17.Kxf1*

Ne3+ 18.Ke2 Nxg2∞ and Black achieves material compensation for the exchange.) 12...Kd7 13.Qh4 Rxh8 14.Bxf6 Qxf6+ 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.Nd2±]

[10...d6= 0.10/22 keeps the balance.]

11.Qf3 Qc5 1.50/21

[11...Nf2? 3.32/23 11...Nf6 0.96 12.Bd5 1.65/23 *(⌓12.Bg6! 3.32/23* Intending Bg5! and mate. *e4 13.Nf7+ Ke8 14.Nd6+* Discovered Attack (Double Check), Double Attack *Kd8 15.Nxe4)* 12...e4+- *(12...Nxh1? 13.09/21 12...e4 1.97 13.Bg5!+-)* 13.Qxf2! Bxf2 14.Bg5! Qxg5 3.02/19 *(⌓14...Bh4 1.65/19 15.Bxe7+ Kxe7 16.Bxe4 g6 17.Bxg6 b6)* 15.Nf7++- Ke7 16.Nxg5+-]

[11...Nf6± 0.70/24]

12.Bh5 0.78/22 White has everything under control and has kept the material advantage, which should be enough for an easy win.

[12.Qxe4? Qf2#]

[⌓12.Ke1 1.50/21 d5 13.Nd2]

12...Nf6 2.70/19

[⌓12...d5 would offer better chances 13.Nf7+ Ke7 White should be careful now and play

A) 14.Ng5 And now Qf7+ would win. Qf2+! 15.Qxf2 Nxf2 16.Rg1 -0.27/20 Suddenly, the position seems unclear after *(⌓16.c4! 0.28/21 Nxh1 17.Nc3)* 16...Bg4!= 17.Bxg4 Nxg4 18.Rh1 -0.93/22 when Black can go for a repetition, or continue the adventure with *(18.Nh3∓ -0.35/21)* 18...Rf8+ 19.Ke2 -1.17/20 *(⌓19.Ke1 -0.75/21 Nf2 20.Nxh7 Nd3+ 21.Kd1)* 19...Rf2+∓ 20.Kd1 Rxg2 21.Nh3 Nxh2∞ Black has four pawns for the rook and all his pieces are cooperating well, while White has problems in development; the whole line looks like fantasy, but it is a good example of the bizarre material constellations that may arise in this variation.;

B) 14.Ke1! aiming for Rf1. 14...Qf2+! 15.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 16.Ke2 White is able to preserve an advantage here Bh4 Repels Ng5 *(16...Bb6? 1.67/19* 16...Bh4 0.18 *17.Rf1+-)* 17.Nd2 Threatens to win with Nxe4. Nf6 18.Nf3! Nxh5 19.N7xe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5±]

[12...d5± 0.78/22 keeps fighting.]

13.Bg5 Ke7 14.Nd2 d5 Dodges Ne4

15.Re1? -0.15/21 Once more, White plays naturally and carelessly.

[15.b4! would lead to a quick end: Qb5+? 4.28/20 *(15...Qd6 16.Nf7 Qe6 17.b5! e4 18.Qf4 Na5 19.Ne5+-; 15...Qd6* 2.31/22 *16.Nf7 Qe6)* 16.Ke1+- Be6 17.Rf1+-]

[15.b4+- 2.29/24 Qb5+ 16.Ke1]

15...e4?? 2.64/23 The last error.

[Surprisingly, 15...Be6! would make things far from clear again; Black is

going to win the knight, when his development and space in centre seems worthy compensation for the exchange. 16.b4?! -1.09/22 *(16.Qg3!=* -0.01/21 remains equal. *Kd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nf7)* 16...Qb5+∓ 17.Qe2 even after exchange the queens, White doesn't solves his problems Qxe2+

A) 18.Kxe2 -1.38/21 18.Rxe2 -0.84 Rxh8 19.Rhf1 h6 20.Bxf6+ gxf6 21.Kd1 -2.34/20 *(⌓21.Nf3* -1.76/19 *Rg8 22.Nh4)* 21...Rg8-+ 22.g3 d4!↑;

B) 18.Rxe2 a6! 19.a4 Rxh8 20.b5 axb5 21.axb5 Na7 22.Rxe5 Hoping for Bg4. Kd6! -0.87/22 *(⌓22...h6* -1.34/23 *23.Bg6 Kd7)* 23.Bf4□∓ Nxh5! 24.Rxh5+ Kd7 25.Nf3 Nxb5 ...Ra8! is the strong threat. Black still has some resources in this position, for example

B1) 26.Be5 -1.65/23 26.c4 -1.12 Ra8! 27.Bxg7 Ra1+ 28.Ne1 c6 29.Rxh7? -2.51/21 *(⌓29.Bf6* -1.63/21 *)* 29...Bf5-+;

B2) 26.c4 Rf8! 27.cxb5 *(27.Bd2* -1.55/22 27.g3 -0.99 *Nd4! 28.cxd5 Bg4∓)* 27...Rxf4 28.Rxh7 Rf7∓ Despite being an exchange down, Black has a strong centre of pawns that can be supported by the bishops.]

[15...Be6= -0.15/21]

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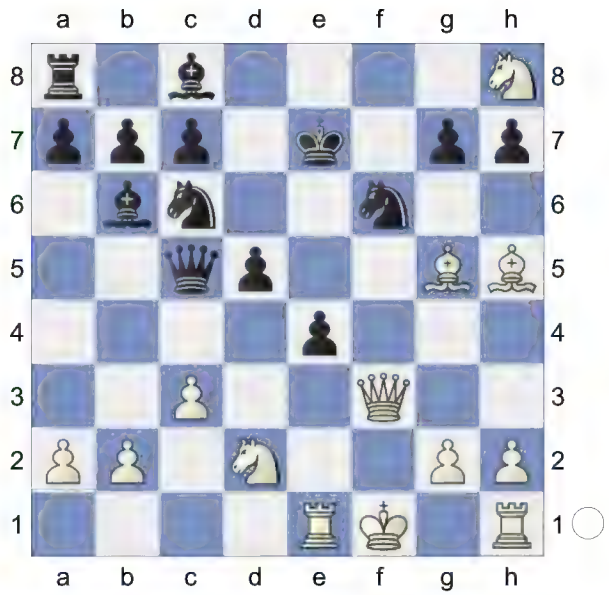
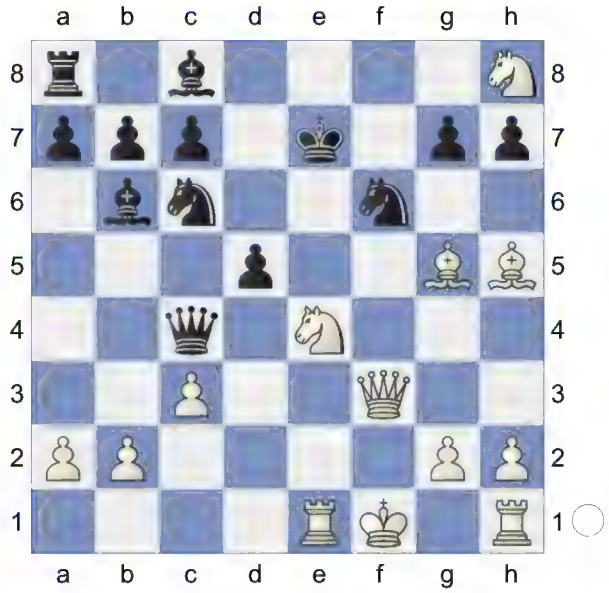


16.Nxe4!? 0.76/24 **Qc4+±**



17.Re2! dxe4 18.Bxf6+ gxf6 19.Qg3+-

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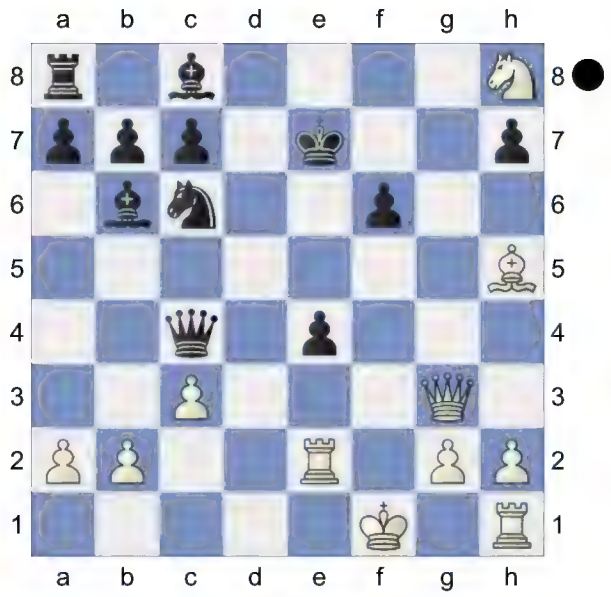

Repels Ne5.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.61
1-0

28 **C57**
□ **Nordstrom,Felix** **2178**
■ **Ljubarskij,Jurij** **2341**
Wch Seniors 16th (10) 21.09.2006
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 Bxd4 1.54/20
[5...d5± 0.31/19 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4]

6.c3 0.85/17
[6.Bxf7+?! Ke7 7.Bc4 Qe8=]
[Better is 6.Nxf7 1.54/20 Bxf2+ 7.Kxf2]

6...Bb6 7.Nxf7 White has more active pieces. **7...Qe7 8.Nxh8** 0-0 is the strong threat. White is better. **8...Na5?** 2.70/19
[8...Bxf2+± 1.05/20 9.Kf1 *(9.Kxf2 Qc5+ 10.Be3 Qxc4±)* 9...Bb6]

9.Bd3 d6 10.Bg5 Be6

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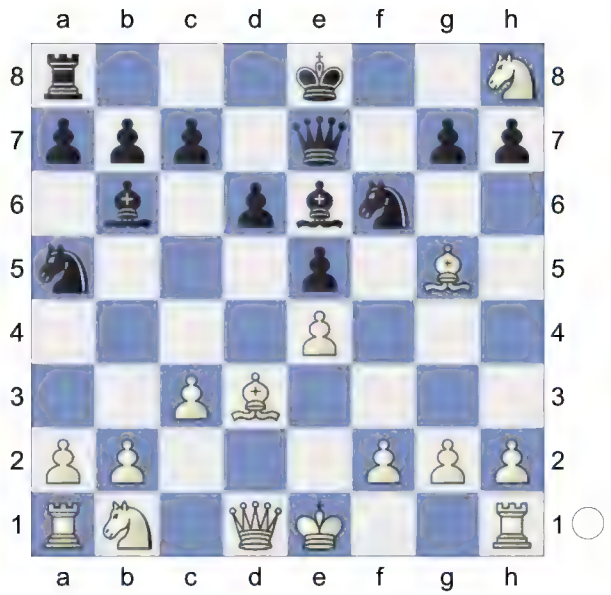
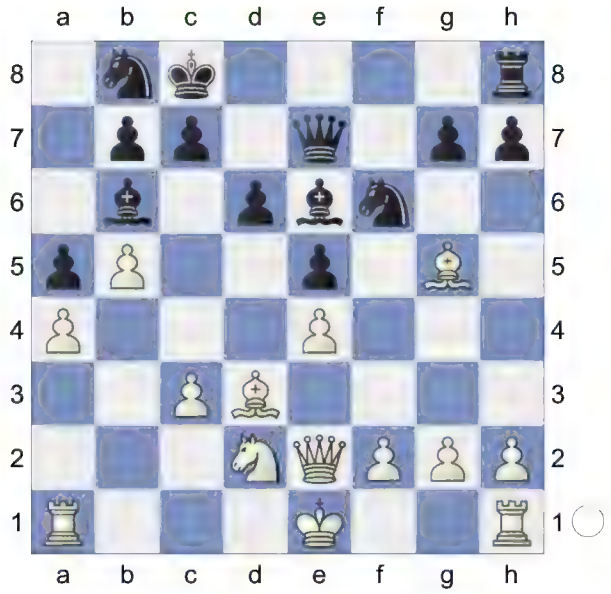
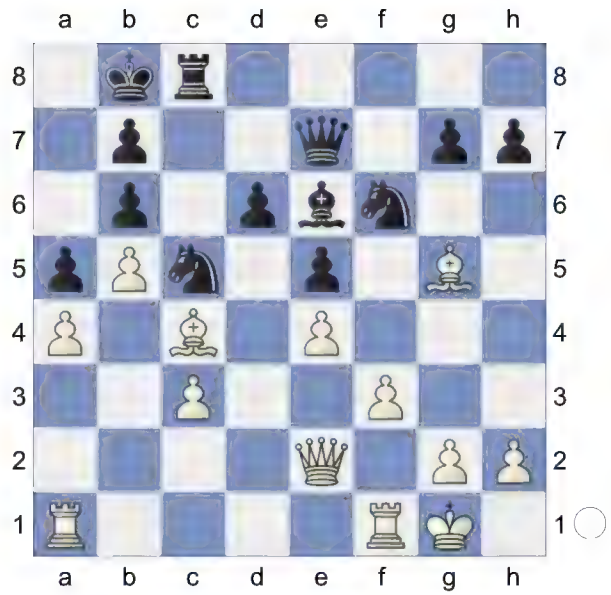


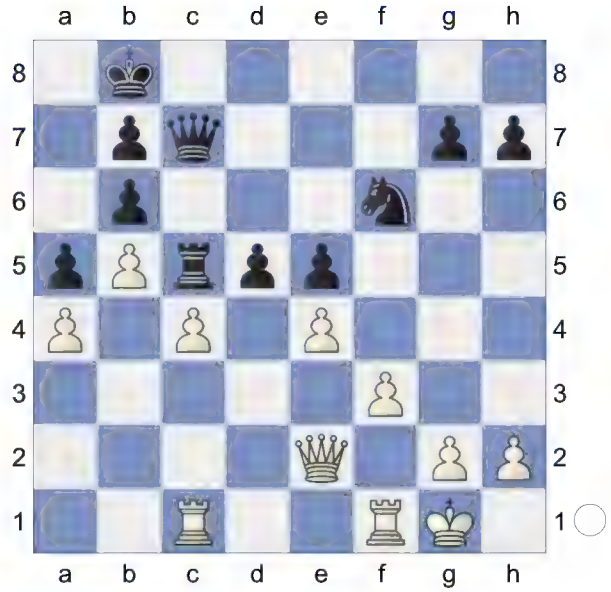
11.Nd2 0-0-0 12.Qe2 Rxh8 13.b4 Nc6 14.a4 a5 15.b5 0.83/19
[White should try 15.0-0+- 1.62/20]
15...Nb8



16.Nc4 Nbd7 1.22/20
[⌓16...Bxc4 0.76/21 17.Bxc4 h6]
17.0-0 0.70/19
[17.Nxb6+± 1.22/20 Nxb6 18.0-0]
17...Nc5 1.50/20
[17...Bxc4!⩲ 0.70/19 18.Bxc4 h6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6]
18.Nxb6+± cxb6 19.f3 Kb8 20.Bc4 Rc8

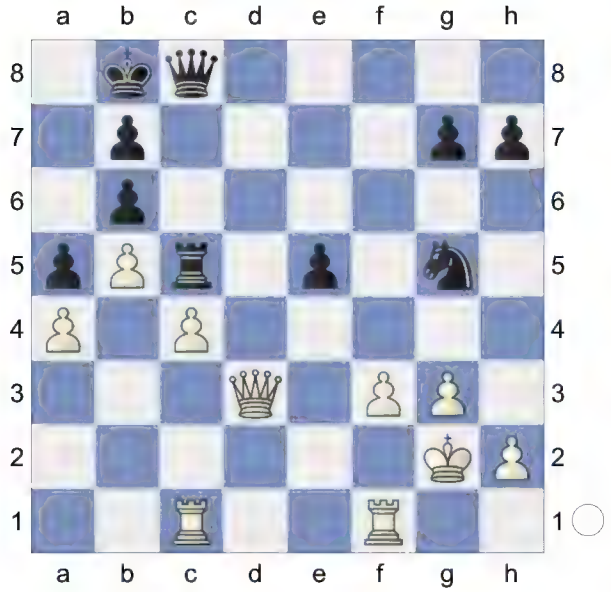


21.Bxe6 Nxe6 Excellent horsemanship.
22.Be3 Nc5 2.04/18
[22...Nd7± 1.52/21 23.Rad1 Rxc3]
23.Bxc5 Rxc5 24.c4 Qc7 1.75/22
[24...g5± 1.23/19 was called for. 25.Rfd1 Nh5]
25.Rac1+- d5



26.exd5 Nxd5 27.Qe4 Nf4 2.18/21
[⌓27...Nf6 1.65/22 28.Qe3 e4 29.fxe4 Ka7]
28.g3!
[28.Qxh7 Ne2+ 29.Kf2 Nxc1 30.Rxc1 Qd6]

28...Nh3+ 29.Kg2 Ng5 30.Qd3 Qc8



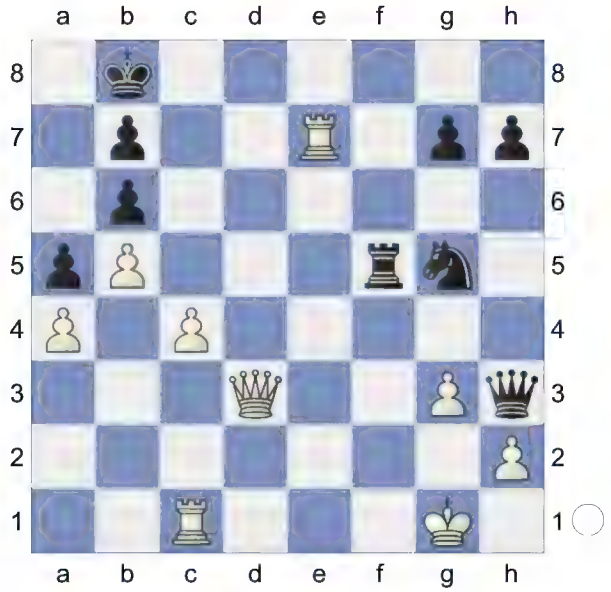
31.f4! exf4 32.Rxf4 Ne6? 4.14/22

[32...Qh3+ 2.16/21 was worth a try. 33.Kh1 Qe6]

33.Re4 Hoping for Qd6+. **33...Ng5?** 5.66/23

[33...Ka7 3.50/21 was necessary. 34.h4 Rf5]

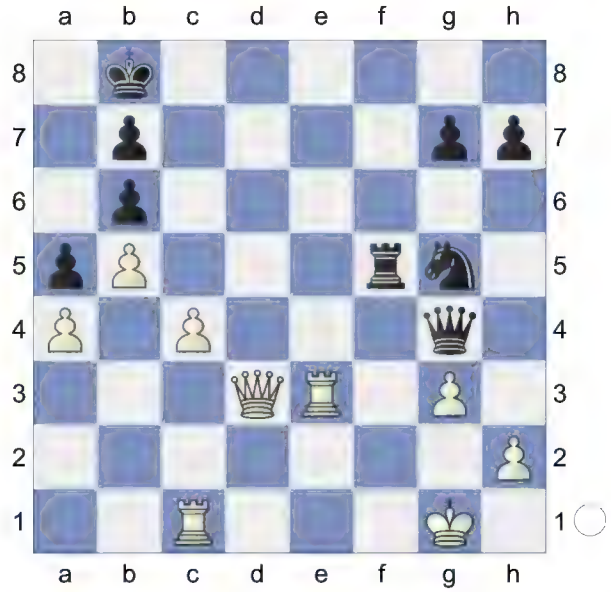
34.Re7 Qh3+ 35.Kg1 Rf5



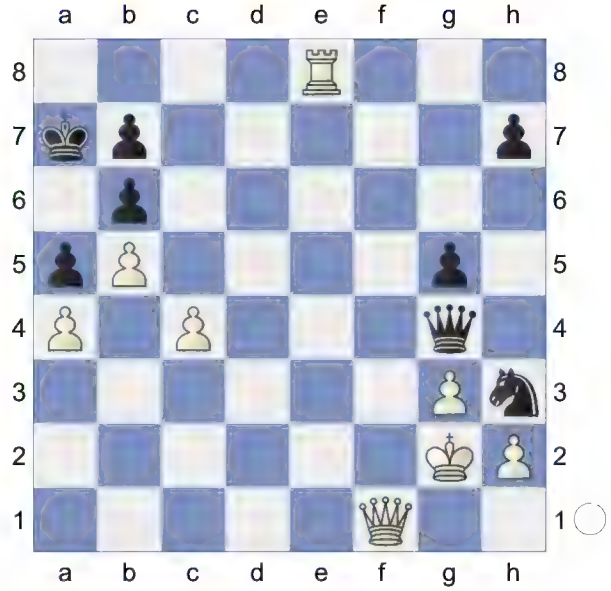
36.Re3 Repels Nf3+

[36.Rxg7? too greedy. Nf3+ 37.Kf2 Ne5+-+ *(37...Qxh2+? 38.Ke3-+; 37...Nxh2+? 38.Ke1-+; 37...Qxh2+? 38.Ke3-+; 37...Nxh2+? 38.Ke1-+)*]

36...Qg4



Strongly threatening ...Nh3+. **37.Rf1 Nh3+ 38.Kg2** Intending Qd8+ and mate. **38...Rxf1 39.Qxf1 g5 40.Re8+** White mates. **40...Ka7**



41.Qf8 Nf4+ 42.Kf2 Nd3+ 43.Ke3

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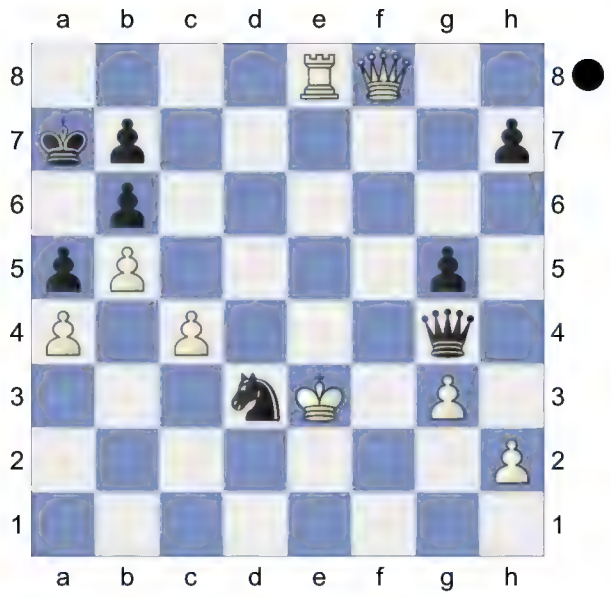

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29 **C57**
□ **Mehlhorn,Uwe** **2160**
■ **Rohde,Friedhelm** **2019**
corr T255-C57-S 02.03.2017
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

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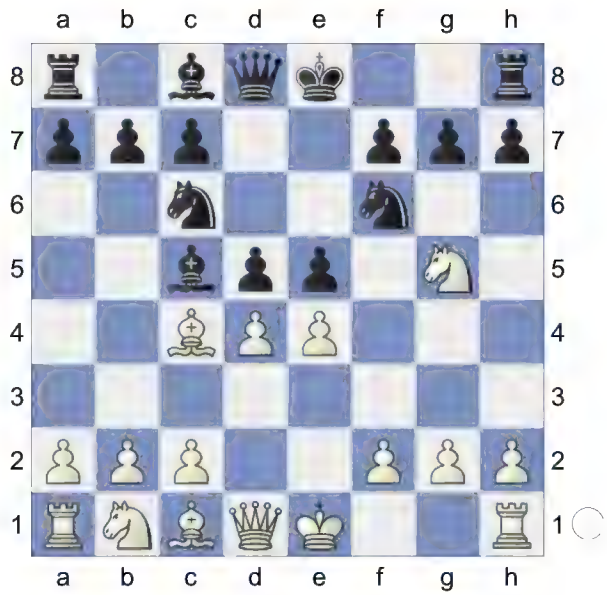
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 White is slightly better. **8...Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 10.b4** Hoping for b5. **10...f6**

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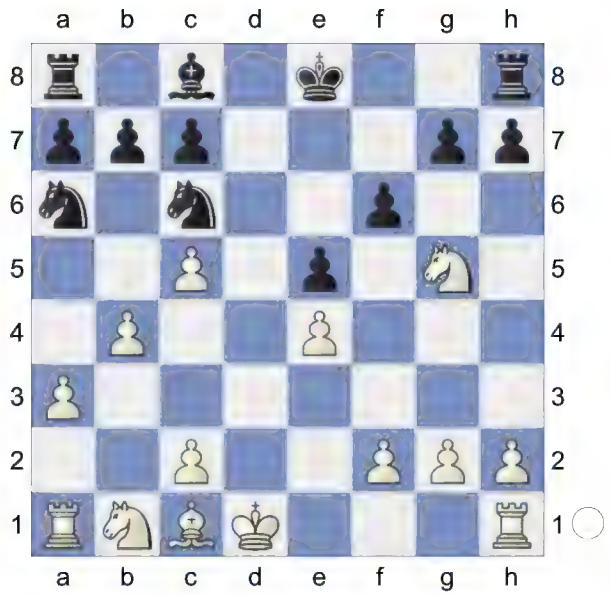
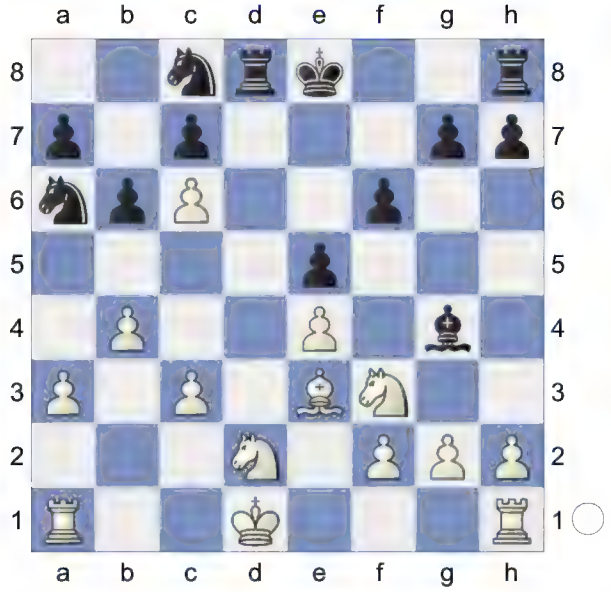
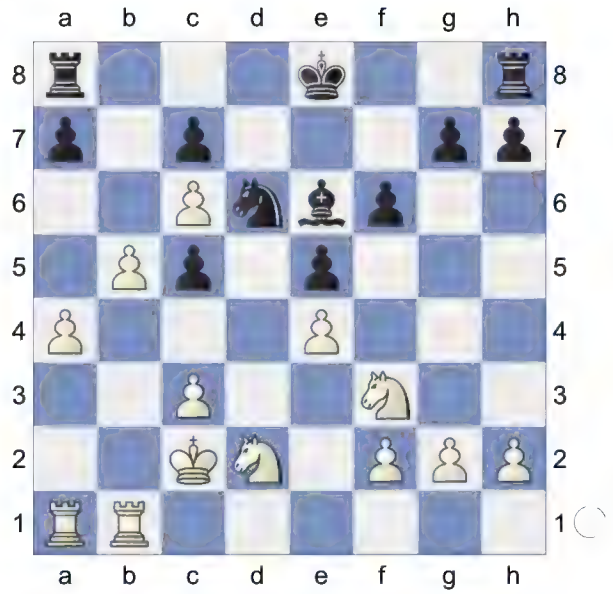


11.Nf3 Ne7 12.Be3 b6 13.c6 Bg4
[13...Nxc6? too greedy. 14.b5+-]
14.Nbd2 0.56/18
[14.b5± 0.93/18]
14...Rd8 1.24/19
[14...Nb8± 0.56/18]
15.c3 0.86/16
[White should try 15.b5 1.24/19]
15...Nc8 1.52/20
[⌓15...f5 0.86/16]

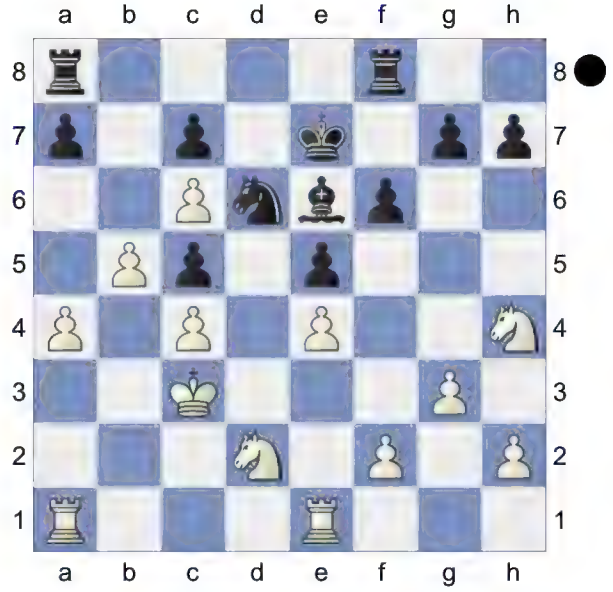


16.Kc2± Nd6 17.a4 1.11/19 White is more active.

[⌓17.c4 1.51/20]
17...Be6 18.Rhb1 Ra8 19.b5 Nc5 20.Bxc5 bxc5



21.c4 Ke7 1.88/20
[21...Bxc4± 1.01/20 was called for. 22.Nxc4 Nxc4]
22.Kc3+- White is clearly better.
22...Rhf8 23.g3 Bh3 2.38/20
[⌓23...h5 1.94/18 24.Nh4 Rfd8]
24.Re1 Be6 25.Nh4



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30 **C57**
□ **Sandehn,Kenth** **2144**
■ **Ottenweller,Wolfgang** **1912**
IECG TE.2000.S.00403 email 13.10.2001
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

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[4.d3

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Nxf7 Qe7 aiming for ... Bg4. **8.Nxh8** Strongly threatening c3. White is slightly better. **8...Bg4! 9.Bf7+** 0.01/22

[9.Ng6 hxg6 10.Qd3 Nxd5-+]

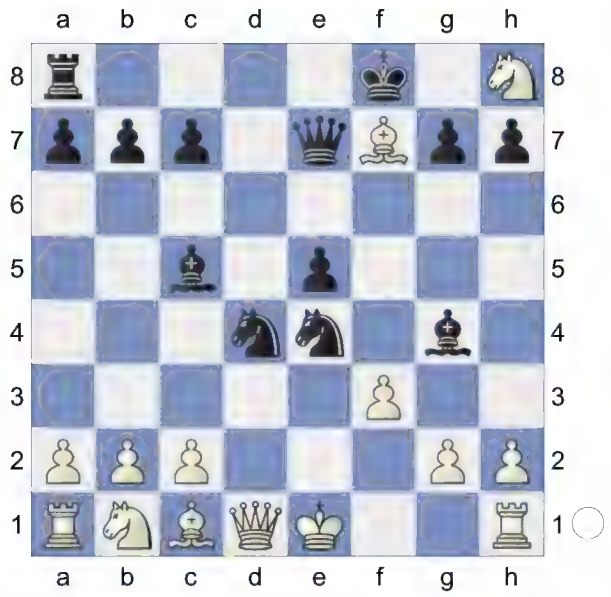
[9.Qd2± 0.38/20]

9...Kf8= 10.f3? -2.02/20

[10.Qd3= -0.10/23 and White has nothing to worry. Be2 11.Qh3]

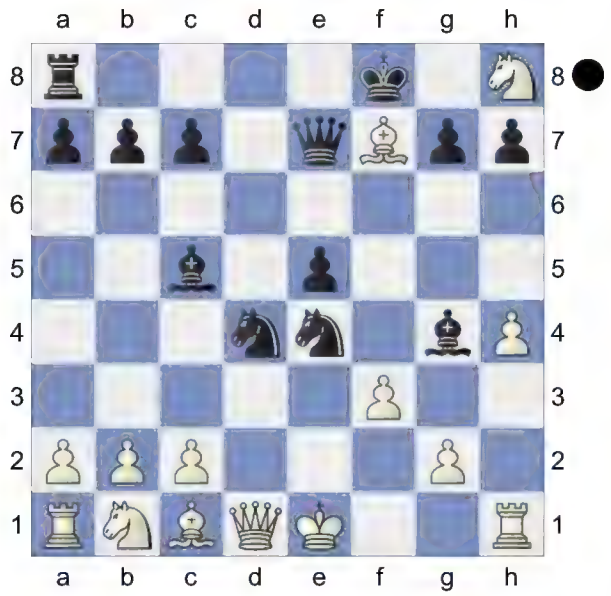
10...Nxe4!-+

(Diagram)



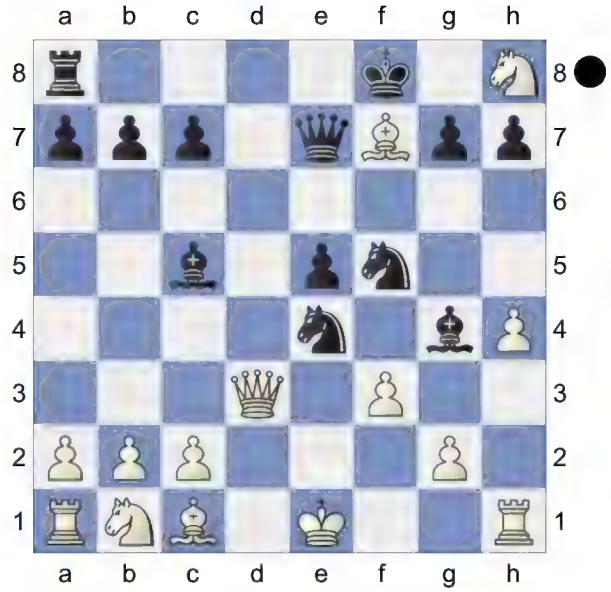
Pin **11.h4**

[11.fxg4 Qh4+ 12.g3 Nxg3-+]



Black must now prevent Nc3! **11...Nf5!** (-> ...Bf2+). Black has strong compensation. **12.Qd3**

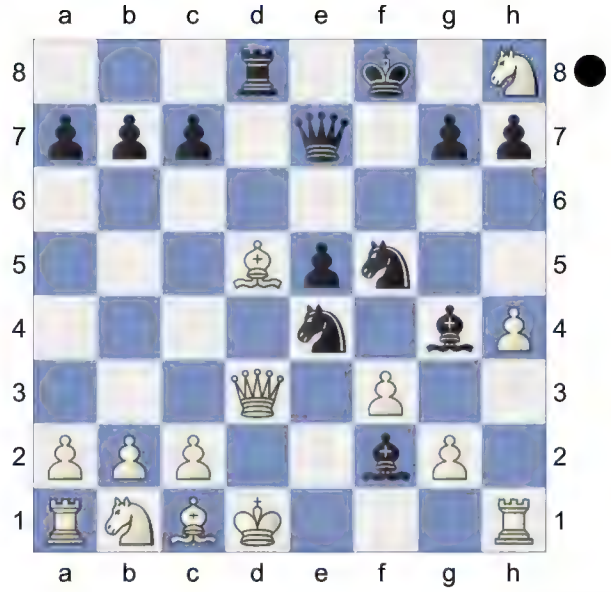
[12.fxg4 Bf2+ *(12...Nxh4? 13.Qd3+-)* 13.Ke2 Nfg3+ *(13...Nxh4? 14.Bd5+-)* 14.Kd3 Qd6+ *(14...Rd8+ 15.Bd5 Rxd5+ 16.Kc4 Qc5+ 17.Kb3 Qb6+ 18.Kc4 Qb5#)* 15.Kc4 Qa6+ 16.Kb3 Qb5+ 17.Ka3 Bc5+ 18.b4 Qxb4#]



12...Bf2+!

[12...Nf2 13.Qd5 Nxh1 14.Bg5 Bf2+ *(14...Bb4+? 15.Nd2+-)* 15.Ke2∓]

13.Kd1 Rd8 Pin **14.Bd5**

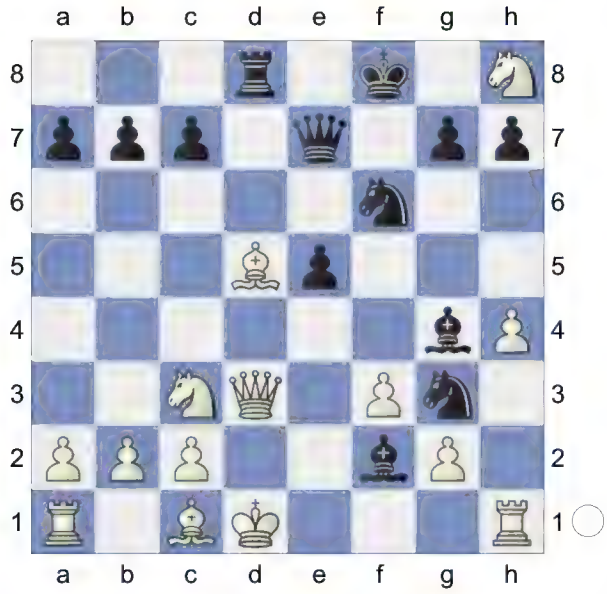


Nf6!↑ Black is really pushing. **15.Nc3** -3.33/21

[15.fxg4? Rxd5 16.gxf5 Rxd3+ 17.cxd3 Qd7-+]

[15.Bg5 -1.75/20 e4 *(15...Rxd5? 16.Qxd5 Ne3+ 17.Bxe3∓)* 16.Qb3 exf3 *(16...Rxd5+? 17.Kc1-+)* 17.gxf3]

15...Ng3? -0.81/21
[15...e4-+ -3.33/21 is more deadly. 16.Nxe4 Rxd5 Pin 17.Nxf2 Rxd3+ 18.cxd3 Nd4]



16.fxg4? -3.97/19 **e4 17.Qc4 Nxd5 18.Nxd5** Bg5 is the strong threat. **18...Qe5 19.c3** And now Kc2! would win. **19...Qxd5+**
[Inferior is 19...Nxh1 20.Bf4 Qxd5+ *(20...Qxf4 21.Kc2±)* 21.Qxd5 Rxd5+ 22.Ke2+-]
[19...Rxd5+ 20.Kc2 b5 *(20...Nxh1 21.Bf4=)* 21.Qb4+ Ke8 22.Rd1 Rxd1 23.Bf4+- *(23.Kxd1? Qd5+ 24.Bd2 e3-+* Pin*; 23.Kxd1 Qd5+ 24.Bd2 e3∓* Pin *)*]
20.Qxd5 Rxd5+

(Diagram)

21.Kc2 Nxh1 22.c4 Black is clearly winning. **22...Rd7 23.Bf4** -6.51/20
[⌓23.a4 -4.51/19]
23...Ng3 Hoping for ...e3. **24.Rd1 Rxd1**

White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
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31 **C57**
□ **Prasath,S** **2082**
■ **Mollison,Jamie** **1911**
Edinburgh op (4) 30.03.2012
[Prasath,Malola TS]

This game had won the Brilliancy Prize for the Tournament! Something, that I have played so far for. but I have never one it - even with most stunning games!! This is cute one!
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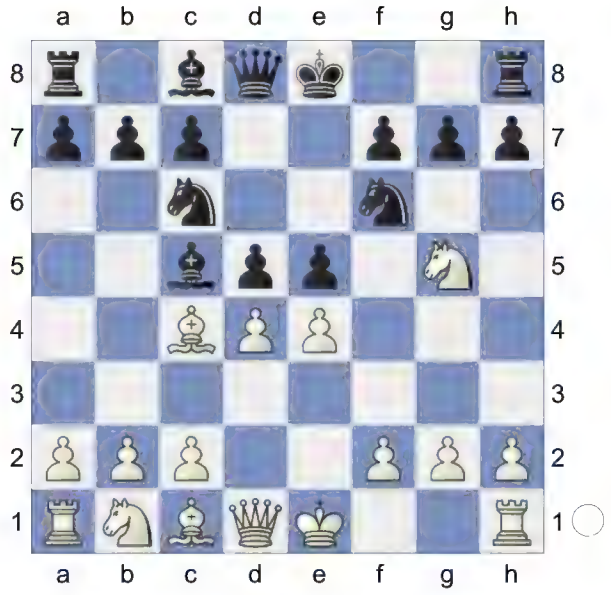

6.Bxd5
[6.exd5 -0.55/19 6.Bxd5 0.49 Nxd4]
[6.dxc5 dxc4]

6...Nxd4
[6...Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3! Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 10.b4]

7.Bxf7+!!
[7.Nxf7 0.01/22 7.Bxf7+ 0.45 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bg4!
A) 9.f3 Nxd5 10.fxg4 -1.73/22 *(10.h4!∓ -0.37/19 Nb4 11.Na3)* 10...Qh4+!-+ 11.g3 Qh3! 12.c3

Qg2 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Na3? -7.38/23 *(14.Rf1 -2.23/19 Nc2+ 15.Qxc2 Qxc2 16.Nd2)* 14...Qxh1+-+ 15.Kd2 Qxe4;

B) 9.Qd3? -1.67/20 9.Qd2 0.01 Nxd5 10.exd5 -2.11/21 *(10.c3∓ -1.19/21* was worth a try. *Nf4 11.Bxf4)* 10...Bf5;

C) 9.Qd2 0-0-0 10.0-0 c6 11.Nf7? -1.64/21 *(11.Bc4= -0.01/20)* 11...cxd5-+ 12.Nxd8? -4.76/20 *(12.Ng5 -1.68/19)* 12...Nxe4!-+ 13.Qd3? -4.78/20 *(13.Qe1 -2.03/23* was the only defense. *Qh4 14.Nf7 Nf3+ 15.gxf3 Bxf3 16.Qxe4 dxe4 17.Bf4 Qh3 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.Bg5 Qg4#)* 13...Ne2+-+ 14.Kh1 Bxf2 15.g3 -7.56/23 Against Qh4 *(⌓15.Qxe4 -4.63/21 dxe4 16.Rxf2 Qxd8 17.Rf1)* 15...Qf6-+ 16.Kg2 Inhibits Bf3+. Nxc1 17.Rxc1 Qh6;

D) 9.Bf7+

D1) 9...Kd7 1.10/21 9...Kf8 0.01 10.Qd3! Hoping for c3! Rxh8 1.05/21 *(10...Be2± 0.40/21 11.Qg3 Ba6)* 11.c3 0.58/21 *(11.Bb3± 1.05/21)* 11...Be2!± 12.Qg3 Nc2+? 2.05/22 *(12...Ba6!= 0.17/19 13.Qh3+ Ne6)* 13.Kxe2+- Nxa1 14.Bc4;

D2) 9...Kf8 10.Qd3! Be2

D2a) 11.Qg3 -1.18/21 11.Qh3 0.01 Nxe4 12.Qh3? -4.32/20 *(12.Ng6+∓ -1.32/21 hxg6 13.Qxg6)* 12...Qf6-+ 13.Be3 Nxc2+ 14.Kxe2 Qa6+ 15.Kd1 Nxe3+! 16.Kc1 Black must now prevent Bb3. Nxf2;

D2b) 11.Qh3 Strongly threatening Bb3. 11...Bg4!

D2b1) 12.Ng6+? -4.10/22 12.Qd3 -0.01 1/2-1/2 Efimenko,Z (2689)-Volokitin, A (2661)/Vrnjacka Banja 2010/CBM 138 Extra hxg6 13.Qh8+ -5.72/5 *(⌓13.Qd3 -3.76/20 Rd8 14.Bxg6)* 13...Kxf7-+ 14.Qxa8 Nxc2+ 15.Kf1 Qd6 16.Nc3 Qd4 17.Be3 Nxe3+ 18.Kg1 Nd1 19.Nxd1 Bxd1;

D2b2) 12.Qd3! Be2]

[7.Nxf7!? Qe7□ 8.Nxh8±]

7...Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better.

8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 10.Be3 0.52/19

[White should play 10.c3± 1.01/19 Ng4 11.Nh3 *(11.cxd4? Qxd4 12.Qd2 Nxf2-+; 11.Nxh7 Nf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxf2=)*]

10...h6

11.Nf3 Bg4N Definitely, without Novelty - this game is far cry! But Rd8 quite well did not hold water for some of the immediate threats possible, on b6 and a6! The Rooks always better in C-file! (although d5 was very tempting. The Dark coloured bishop makes the King Vulnerable! **12.Nbd2!? Qd6 13.h3!**

[13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.0-0 Bxb2 15.Rb1

Bc3 16.Rxb5 Bxd2 17.Qxd2 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nh5 1.96/20 *(18...Rab8±* 1.33/18 *19.Ra5 Rb6)* 19.Qc3]

13...Nxf3+?! This is removes critical defence of h5, which will loom further attack on f7! (King is ready to hunted!)

14.gxf3 Fundamentals, Trying to operate on the 'f' file.

[14.Nxf3 Bxf3 1.09/21 *(14...Bxe3±* 0.66/20 is superior. *15.fxe3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 g5)* 15.Qxf3± Nd5 1.46/20 *(⌓15...Nd7* 1.01/19 *16.Qg4 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Qb4+ 18.Ke2 c5)* 16.Qg3± Bb4+ and Black can keep cursing his Black Bishop for preventing the King to come into safety. 17.Ke2! Nf4+ *(17...Nxe3* 2.03/19 17...Nf4+ 1.51 *18.fxe3)* Relevant: 18.Kf1 0.76/22 *(⌓18.Bxf4* 1.47/22 *Rxf4 19.Qxg7+ Rf7 20.Qg3)* 18...Bc5± *(18...Nxd3* 1.17/22 18...Bc5 0.80 *19.cxd3 Qxd3+ 20.Kg1 Qxe4 21.Qxg7+ Rf7 22.Qg4 Qxg4 23.hxg4)* 19.Kg1]

14...Bxe3 15.hxg4 1. Get to the Target! Pin the Piece. 2. Pair a threat by attack a pawn. 3. Create more threats, attack on f7. Also Look to threaten Nd5! (which is sufficient to move the Queen more defensive!)

[15.fxe3 Be6 16.Qe2 a6 17.0-0-0 Bxa2 1.05/19 *(17...c5±* 0.61/19 *)* 18.Rhg1± g5 1.37/19 *(⌓18...Rf7* 0.85/19 *)* 19.f4!]

[15.fxg4? Bxf2+ 16.Ke2 *(16.Kxf2? Nxe4+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *17.Ke1 Nf2-+)* 16...Qb6-+]

15...Bf4

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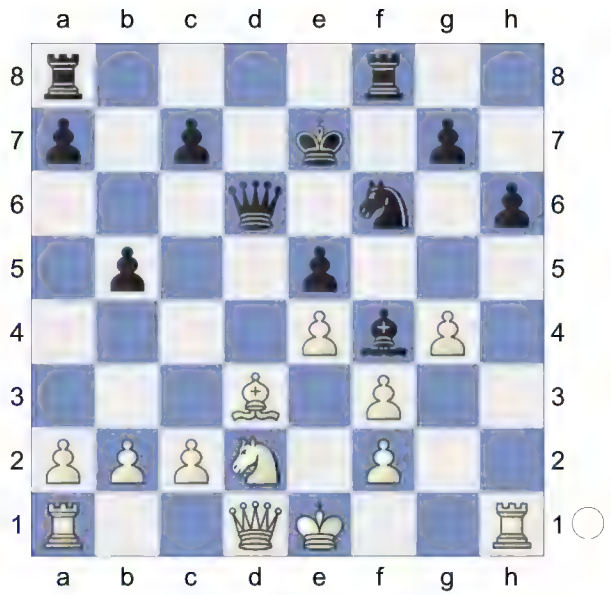

16.Bxb5! 0.01/21

[16.Qe2 Nh7 17.0-0-0 -0.01/23 *(17.Nb3!±* 0.84/19 *)* 17...Ng5= 18.Kb1! This brings the meaning for Rd8! but it is doubled Edge Sword to play this position! Bxd2! This is more accurate 19.Rxd2 Nxf3 20.Rdd1 a6 21.Bxb5? -1.48/21 *(*Better is *21.c3!=* 0.04/17 *)* 21...Nd4±]

[16.Qe2± 0.66/20]

16...Qb6?!= That's the Trick, Knight was formerly guarding these squares! Nf6 Looks Natural! But Rc8 is better! which allows the King to escape! **17.Bd3!** -0.74/20

[17.Qe2 Bxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Rad8+ 19.Ke1 *(19.Kc1* aiming for a4. *Rb8)* 19...Nh7]

[17.g5= -0.01/22 hxg5 *(17...Qxb5 18.gxf6+ Rxf6 19.Nb3=)* 18.Bd3]

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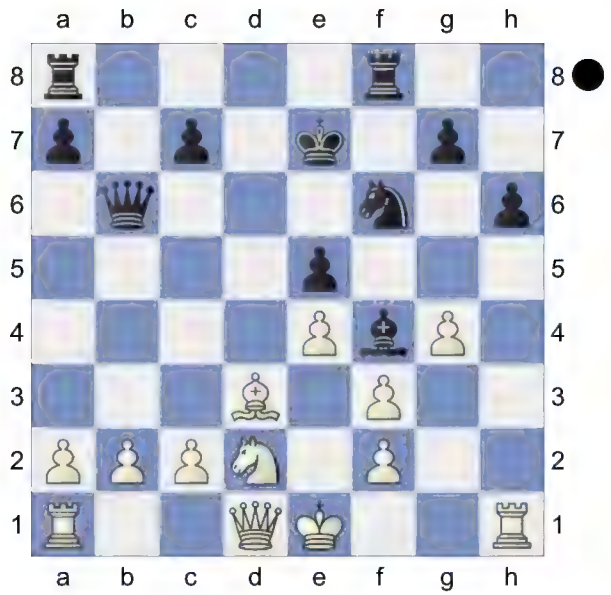


This was hard thought move! Although I had seen a Brighter variation, where I simply emerge a Piece up! (With Qe6+!). But the variation lead to a exchange of Queens! I was looking for the Mate instead!! (Winning 3 Pawns equalled a Piece! It was hard to let it go!

17...Nxg4!∓ White is weak on the dark squares **18.Qe2**

[18.fxg4? -3.12/17 18.Rf1 -0.91

Bg3!+- Too much attack 19.0-0? -12.09/20 *(19.Qc1 -3.28/21 Rxf2 20.Kd1)* 19...Rxf2]

[18.fxg4? too greedy. Bg3 19.Qe2 *(19.fxg3? Qf2#)* 19...Rxf2-+ *(19...Bxf2+?* perishes. *20.Kd1+-)*]

[18.Rf1 Nh2]

18...Bxd2+ Remove Defender, Deflection **19.Qxd2** -1.55/21

[19.Kxd2 Rag1 would now be deadly. Nxf2! Interestingly Frustrating that no mate what-so-ever- f6 is defended by Pin! 20.Rhb1 Curse the Black Bishop! *(20.Rhf1* -2.24/18 20.Rhb1 -1.20 Quiet Move! Mission accomplished I was still not happy with the possibility for a Queen exchange even in this position! Thanks, Black Resigned by Now!! *Nxd3 21.cxd3! Qxb2+)* 20...Rad8]

[White should try 19.Kxd2 -0.98/23 Nxf2 20.Rhb1 *(20.Rhg1? Nxd3 21.cxd3 Qxb2+ 22.Ke3 Qd4+ 23.Kd2 Rab8-+)*]

19...Rxf3→ Black goes for the king.

20.0-0-0 Nxf2

21.Qc3

[21.Rhf1 -2.00/22 21.Be2 -1.63 I had first seen Rf1! But later I had seen an interesting Moves like, if I remove the knight! Re7+! discovers! Removing the knight was all attractive! Despite seeing the immediate Dangers of Rg2!

Rd8! The last try! I could take the Rook, and win the endgame! but it takes the sight out of Mate!!]

21...Nxh1

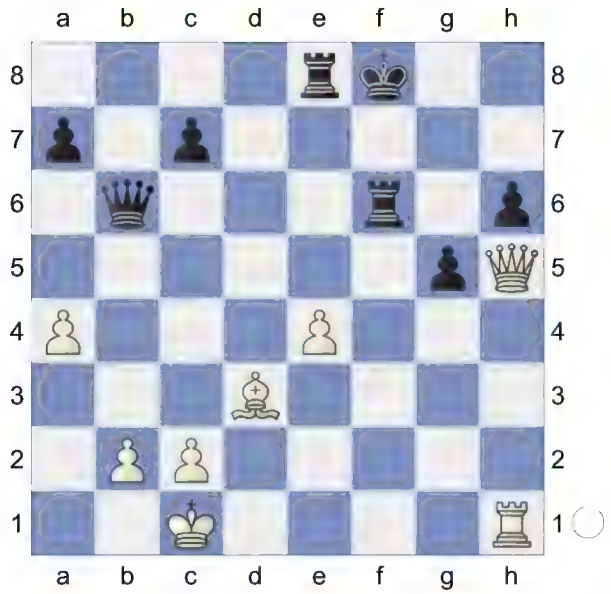
[21...Nxd1? 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxd1]

22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 This was creating chance! for Black! or I was ready to push the f6 pawn! **24.Qh5 Rf6! 25.a4!?** -1.99/21 This move came instantly!

[25.b3∓ -1.38/19]

25...g5 -1.53/20

[25...Qd4-+ -1.99/21 And now ...Rb8! would win. 26.Qa5 Rb8]



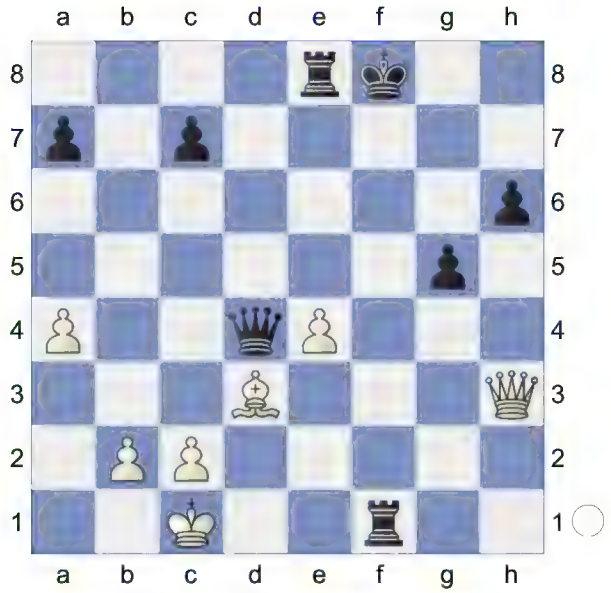
26.Qh3 -2.19/22 Silent move! Attempting to take on Rf8 for a Mate on e7! and also Attacking the Knight on e3!

[26.b3∓ -1.53/20]

26...Qd4!?-+ At the first site, it was a straight piece and re-inforcing the support to g6! But in the transition, the Queens get traded! with Qc5 Check! (I was happy that I was winning but, the game was dull after that.) I had only f6 in my sight! and even with the possible Queen exchange!! I had still wanted to threaten more! **27.Rf1!!** -3.07/23 Interesting - I had seen the Bishop, Pawns were falling, only after I had moved. It was daunting, as g2 was vulnerable! But Nd5 was more instinctive that calculated! Perhaps that was the magic move of the game!

[27.Kb1 -2.18/19 might work better.]

27...Rxf1+!



Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless) . Loss on time!?

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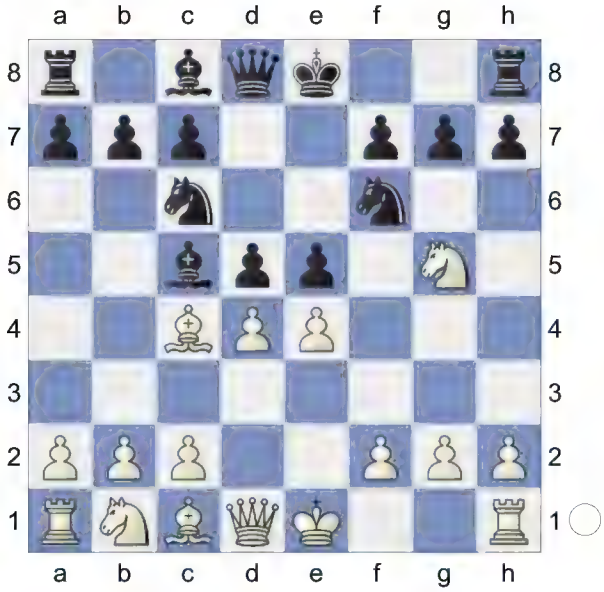
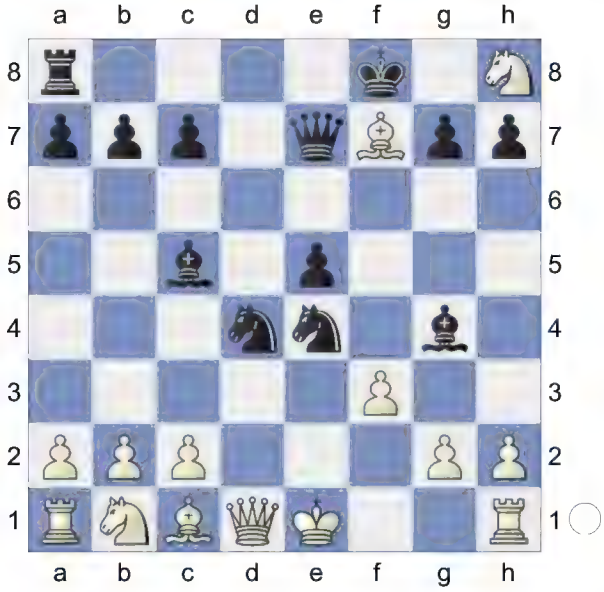
□ **Hanison,Bernard** **2010**
■ **Kuypers,G F M** **0**
TT/5/98/3 corr 1998
[Heisman, D.]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Nxf7 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bg4 9.Bf7+ Kf8 10.f3 Nxe4



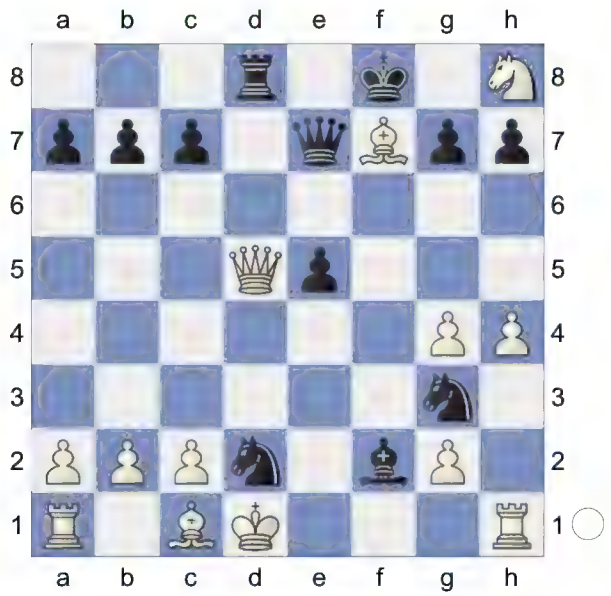
11.h4 Nf5 [Until this game came to light the Survey's main move was 11...♖d8, but this try is at least as good.]
[11...Qf6 1-0 Eastwood,F-Paschke,A TT/5/98/4 corr 1998]

12.Qd5
[No better is 12.Qd3 Nf2
A) 13.Qc4 Nxh1 14.Bg5 *(14.Qxg4 Bf2+ 15.Kd2 Rd8+ 16.Kc3 Rd4-+)* 14...Qd6 15.Qd5 Nd4 16.Qxd6+ *(16.fxg4 Nxc2+ 17.Kd2 Qxd5+ 18.Bxd5 Nxa1-+)* 16...cxd6 17.Kd2 Be6
A1) 18.Nc3 Bxf7 19.Rxh1 *(19.Nxf7 Ng3 20.Nd8 h6-+)* 19...Be6+-;
A2) 18.c3 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bxf7 20.Nxf7 Kxf7∓;
B) 13.Qf1 Ng3 14.Qc4 Nfxh1
B1) 15.Qxg4 Bf2+ 16.Kd1 Rd8+ 17.Bd2 Bd4 18.Ke1 *(18.c3 Nf2+-+)* 18...Qc5 19.Qg5 Rd7 20.Be6 (Mate in 6.) Bc3! 21.Qf5+ Nxf5 22.Ng6+ hxg6 23.Bc4 Qf2+ 24.Kd1 Rxd2+ 25.Kc1 Qe1#;
B2) 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.Nd2 *(16.Qd5 Bh5 17.Qxd6+ cxd6 18.Bxh5 Nxh5 19.Nc3 Kg8-+)* 16...Bf2+ 17.Kd1 Bf5 18.Bg8 Qd7 19.Bd5 c6 20.Qb4+ c5 21.Qxb7 Qxb7 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.Be4 Bxe4 24.fxe4 Rxb2-+;
B3) 15.fxg4 Rd8 16.Nd2 e4 17.c3 Nf2 18.Bd5 c6 19.Be6 b5 20.Qb3 Qxh4 (Black has a mating attack.) 21.Ng6+ hxg6 22.Bc4 bxc4 23.Qxc4 Qh1+ 24.Qf1 Qxf1+ 25.Nxf1 Rd1#]

12...Bf2+ 13.Kd1 Rd8 14.fxg4 Nfg3 15.Nd2
[15.Rh3 Rxd5+ 16.Bxd5 Qd7 17.c4 c6 18.Nf7 Qxg4+ 19.Kc2 cxd5 20.Nxe5 Qe2+ 21.Bd2 dxc4 22.Nf3 Qd3+ 23.Kc1 Qf1+ 24.Kc2 Nf5-+]

15...Nxd2

[Also good is 15...Rxd5-+]



16.Bxd2 Rxd5 17.Bxd5 Qd7

[17...Nxh1-+]

18.c4 c6 19.Kc2 Nxh1

[Much simpler is 19...cxd5-+]

20.Bb4+ Ke8? [After a series of inaccuracies that made the win harder, Black now makes a move that puts the win in jeopardy.]

[20...c5 21.Bc3 Ng3 22.Bxe5 Nf5-+]

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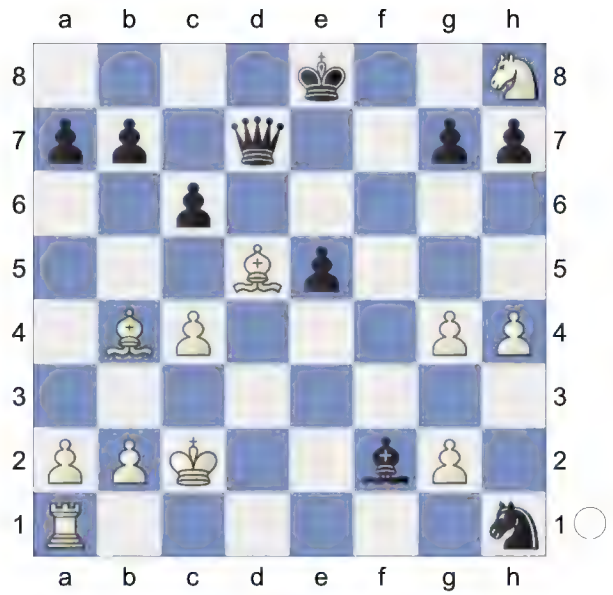


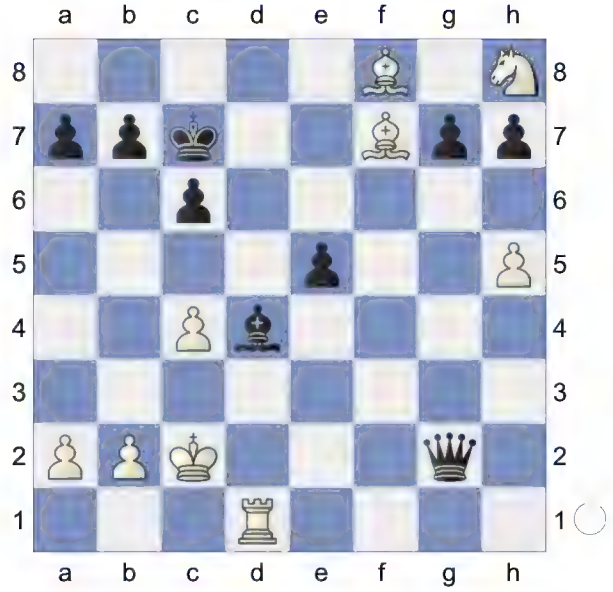
21.Bf7+ Kd8 22.Rxh1

[≤22.Rd1 Bd4 23.Rxh1 Qxg4]

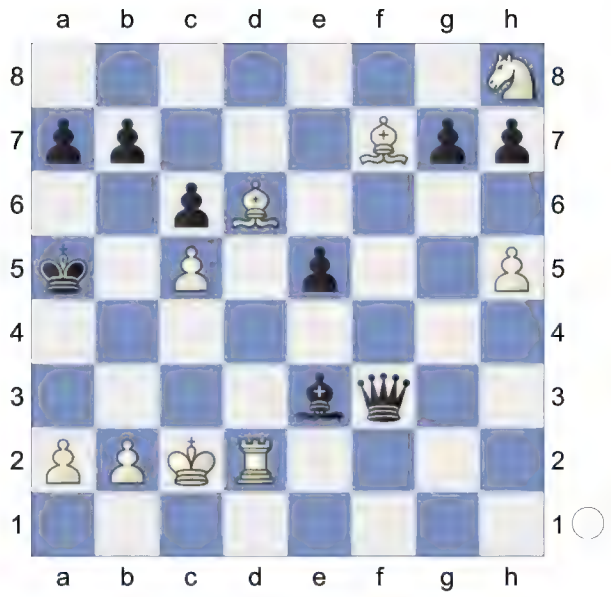
22...Qxg4 23.Rd1+

[23.h5 Kc7 24.Rd1 Qf5+ 25.Kb3 Bd4∓]

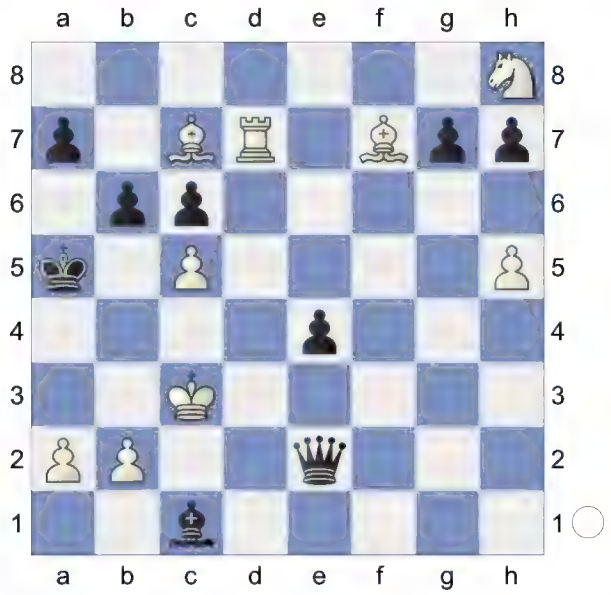
23...Bd4 24.h5 A strange time for White to resign. Black is surely better, probably winning, but he was much more clearly winning earlier! One possible continuation might be **24...Kc7 25.Bf8 Qxg2+**



26.Rd2 Qe4+ 27.Kb3 Qf3+ 28.Kc2 Be3 29.Bd6+ Kb6 30.c5+ Ka5



31.Rd3 Qe2+ 32.Kc3 e4 33.Bc7+ b6 34.Rd7 Bc1-+



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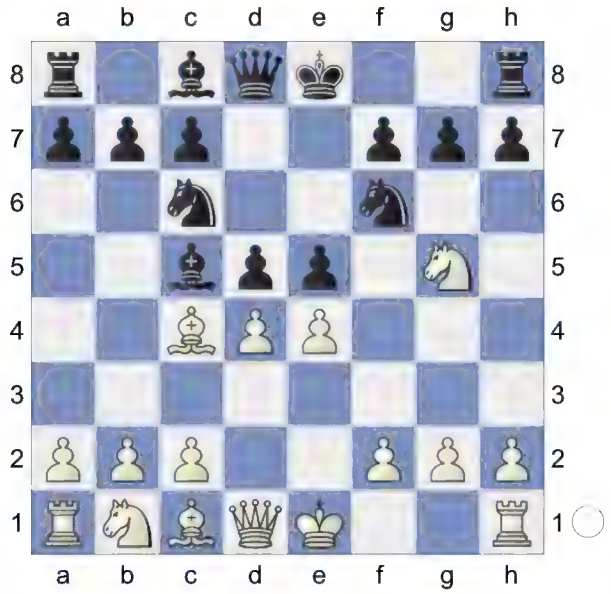
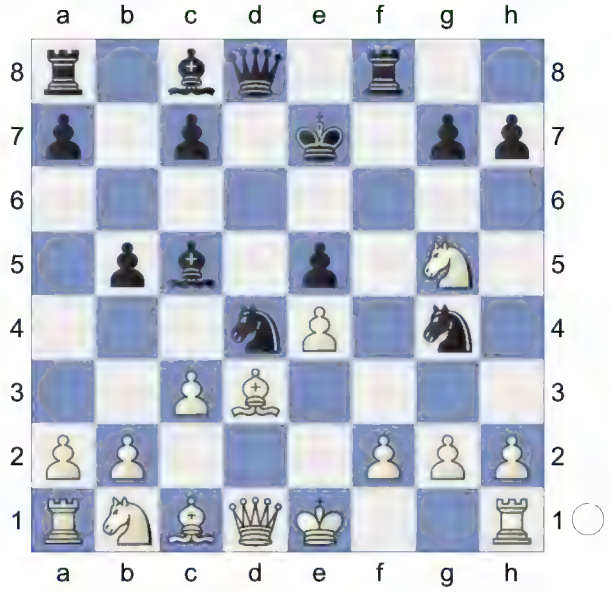
□ **Laffont,Eduardo Alfredo** **1821**
■ **Tyutyunnik,Roman** **2218**
T051-C57 LSS 24.04.2020
[Mon Hokmome]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5 5.d4 d5**



6.Bxd5 Nxd4 1.00/22
[Black should play 6...Nxd5± 0.49/23 7.dxc5 Nde7]
7.Bxf7+ 0.51/23
[7.Nxf7± 1.00/22 Bg4 8.f3 *(8.Nxd8 Bxd1 9.Nxb7 Bg4±)*]
7...Ke7± 8.Bc4 White is slightly better.
8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 10.c3N
[10.Be3 h6
A) 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.h3 *(13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Rb1 a6 15.0-0 Rad8 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 g5 18.Qe2 Bb6 19.Rbd1 Qe6 20.Kh2 c5 21.c4 b4 22.g3 Bc7 23.Ne1 g4 24.h4 Nh5 25.Ng2 Nf4 26.Qc2 Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Rd4* 10.e5 cd4 11. ♘b5 ab5-Andersson, M Wijk aan Zee 1996 TD 92\02 [Bauer] (33)) 13...Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxe3 15.hxg4 Bf4 16.Bxb5 Qb6 17.Bd3 Nxg4 18.Qe2 Bxd2+ 19.Qxd2 Rxf3 20.0-0-0 Nxf2 21.Qc3 Nxh1 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 24.Qh5 Rf6 25.a4 g5 9.♕c2 ♗b7 10.♗d2 ♖a7-16.♕f3 dc4_22018 Moscow 2012 CBM 94 [Oim, Sh Riga 6/1979] 0-1;
B) 11.c3 hxg5 12.cxd4 Bxd4 13.Qd2 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Qd4 15.Qxd4 exd4 16.Nd2 c5 17.b3 a6 ½-½ (17) Nisipeanu,L (1299)-Genovese,A (1628) BFM 147 1999 ZUS C73 [Doric,Nenand]]
10...Ng4!



11.Rf1
[11.cxd4? Qxd4 12.Qd2 *(12.0-0? Nxf2 13.Nf3 Nxd1+-+)* 12...Nxf2 13.Bxb5 Nxh1 14.Qxd4 Bxd4-+]
11...Nxf2 Decoy **12.Rxf2 Rxf2 13.Kxf2 Nc2+** 0.99/24
[13...Nb3+!= 0.01/25 keeps the balance. 14.Ke2 Nxa1]
14.Kf1!± Nxa1

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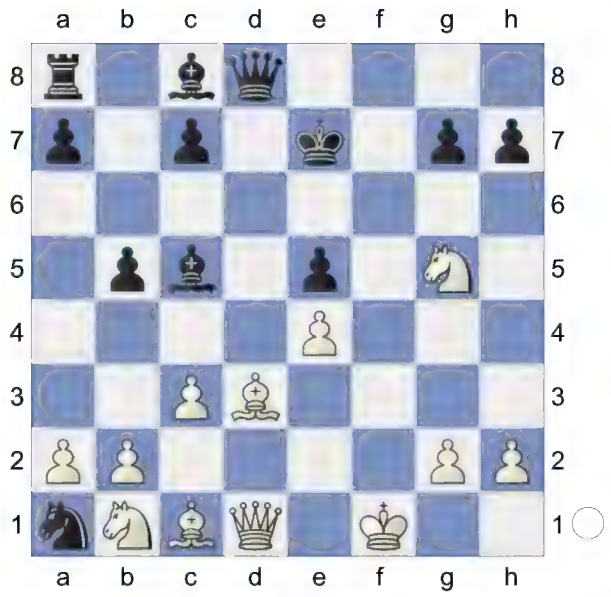
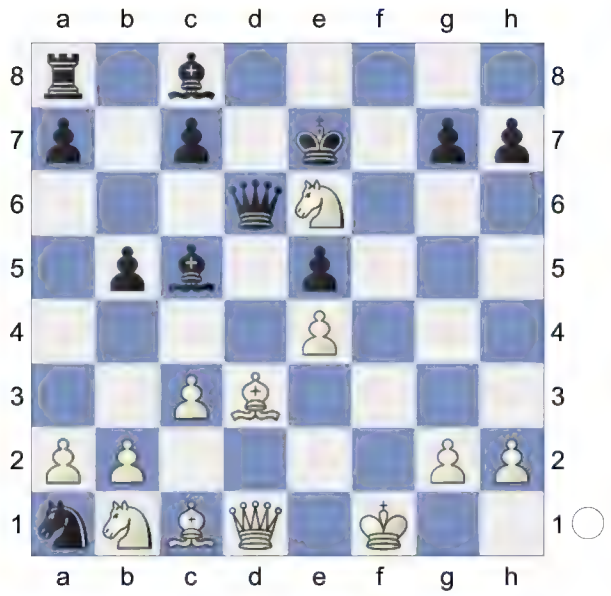


15.Ne6!↑ White is in control. **15...Qd6**
[15...Kxe6? 16.Bc4+! bxc4 17.Qxd8+-]



16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Bg5+!
[17.Na3?! Be6 18.Bg5+ Kf7∓]
17...Kf8 18.Nd2 h6 19.Bh4 Be6 20.Ke2
[20.Qxa1? Qe3 21.Qb1 Qxd2-+]
20...Qd6

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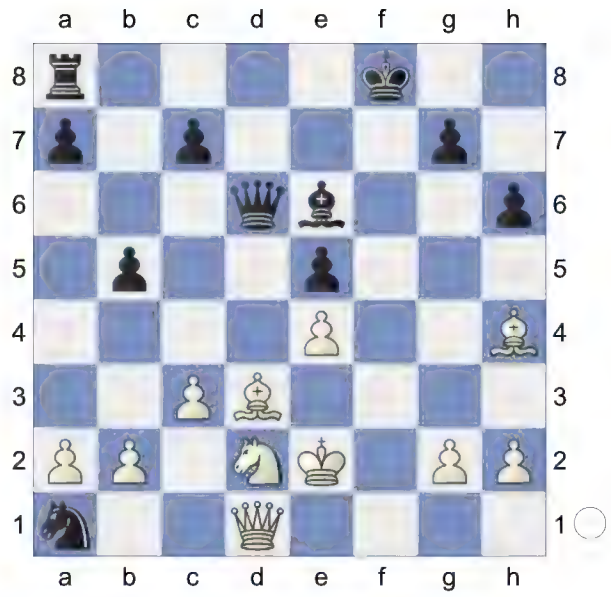
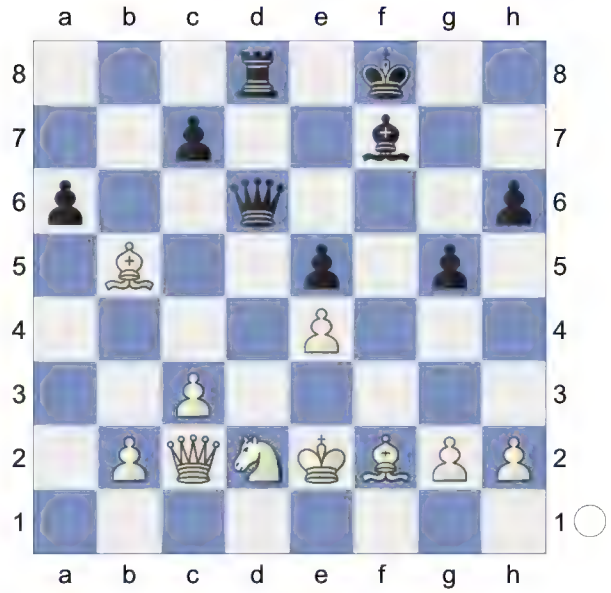


21.Qxa1 g5 22.Bf2 Rd8 23.Qb1 Bxa2 1.74/24
[23...Bg4+± 1.43/20 24.Nf3 Kg7]
24.Qc2+- Threatens to win with b2-b3.
24...Bf7 ...Bf7-h5+ is the strong threat.
25.Bxb5 a6



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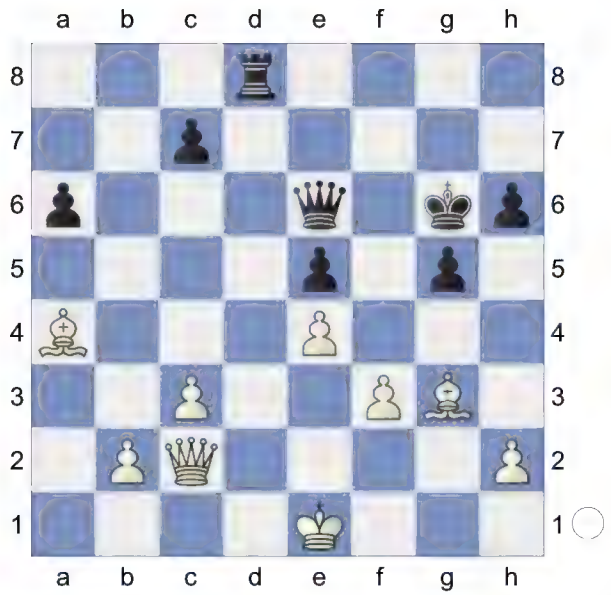


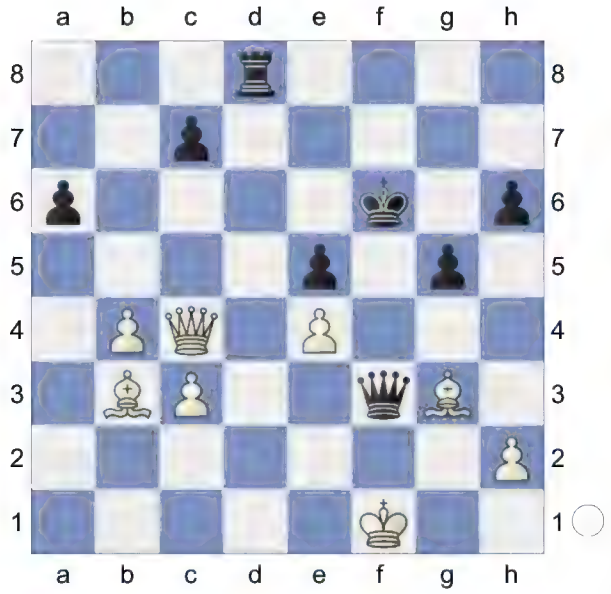
31.Qe2 Qd6 32.Qc4 Kf6 33.b4? 0.76/27

[33.Kf1+- 2.50/23 has better winning chances.]

33...Qd3± 34.Bb3

[34.Qxc7?! Qe3+ 35.Kf1 Qxf3+ 36.Bf2 *(36.Kg1 Rd1+ 37.Bxd1 Qxd1+ 38.Kg2 Qe2+ 39.Bf2 Qxe4+ 40.Kg1 Qb1+ 41.Kg2 Qe4+ 42.Kg3 Qd3+ 43.Kg2 Qe4+=)* 36...Qh1+ 37.Ke2 Qxe4+ 38.Kf1 Qh1+ 39.Ke2 Qe4+ 40.Kf1 Qh1+ 41.Ke2 Qe4+=]

34...Qe3+ 35.Kf1 Qxf3+

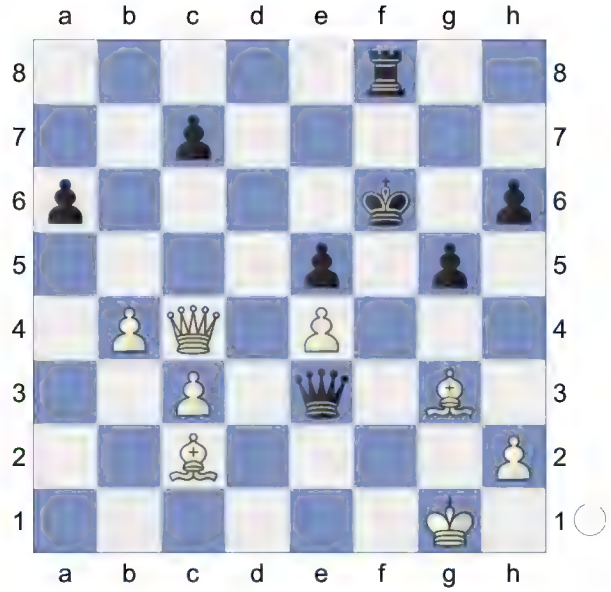


36.Kg1 The board is on fire. **36...Rf8** Inhibits Qc4-f7+. **37.Bc2**

[37.Qxc7 Kg6 38.Qd6+ Rf6=]

[37.Qxa6+ Kg7 38.Qc4 *(38.Bxe5+ Kh7=)* 38...Qe3+ 39.Kh1 *(39.Kg2 Qf3+ 40.Kg1 Qe3+ 41.Kh1 Qf3+ 42.Kg1=)* 39...Qf3+ 40.Kg1 Qe3+ 41.Kh1 *(41.Kg2 Qf3+ 42.Kg1=)* 41...Qf3+ 42.Kg1=]

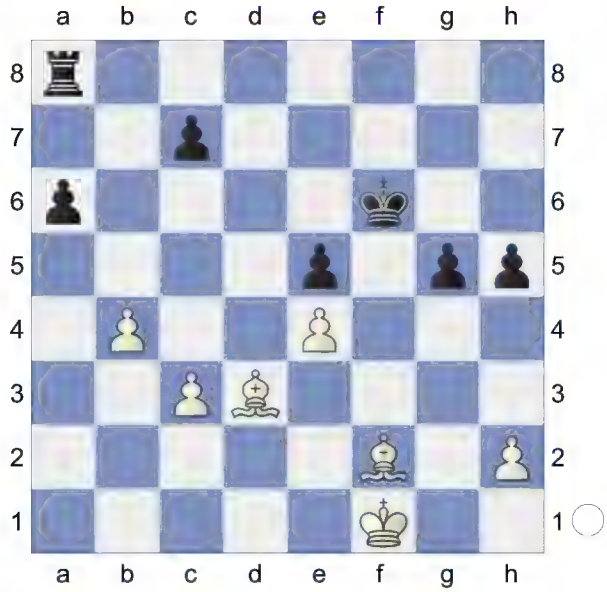
37...Qe3+



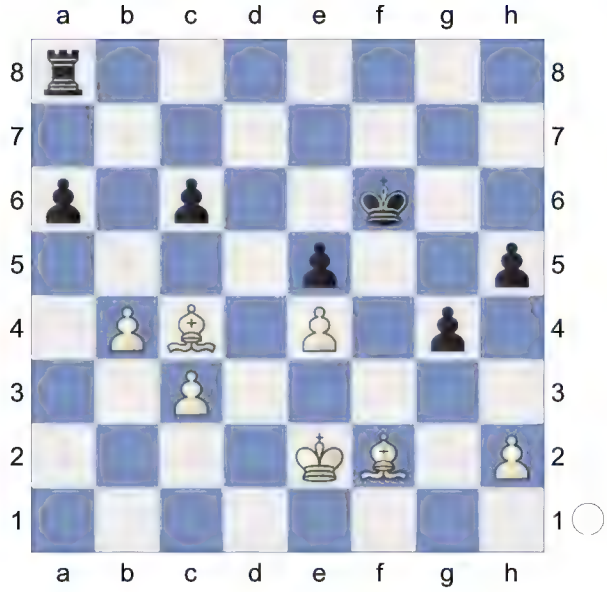
38.Bf2! Qc1+ 39.Qf1 Qxf1+ 40.Kxf1 h5

41.Bd3 0.62/25

[41.Ke2± 1.04/24]
41...Ra8!⩲



42.Bc4! c6 Against Bc4-d5 **43.Bb6 g4 44.Ke2 Rb8 45.Bf2** &Bianco is more active. **45...Ra8**



46.Bh4+ Kg6 47.Kd3 a5 48.bxa5 Rxa5 49.Be6 Ra1 50.Bf5+
[50.Ke2!?]
50...Kf7

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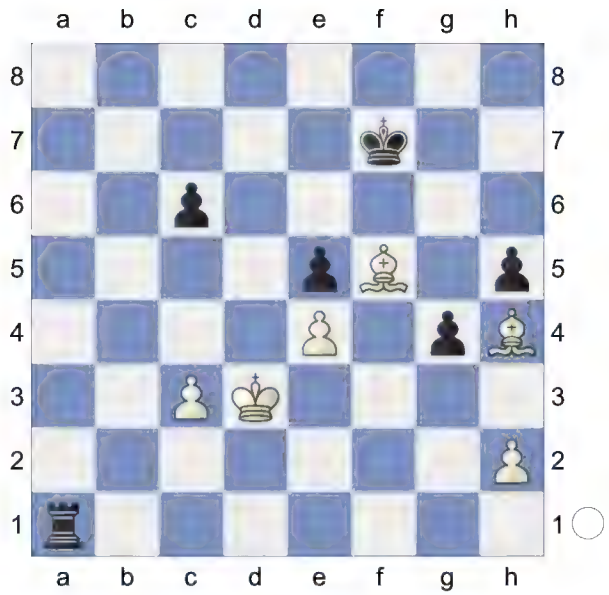
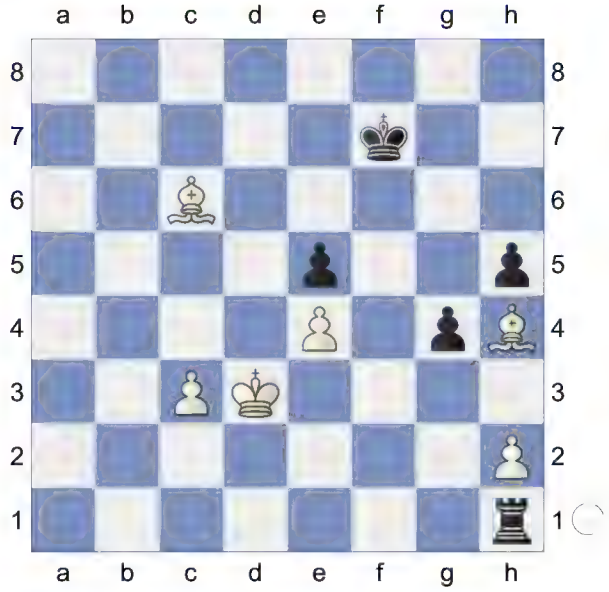
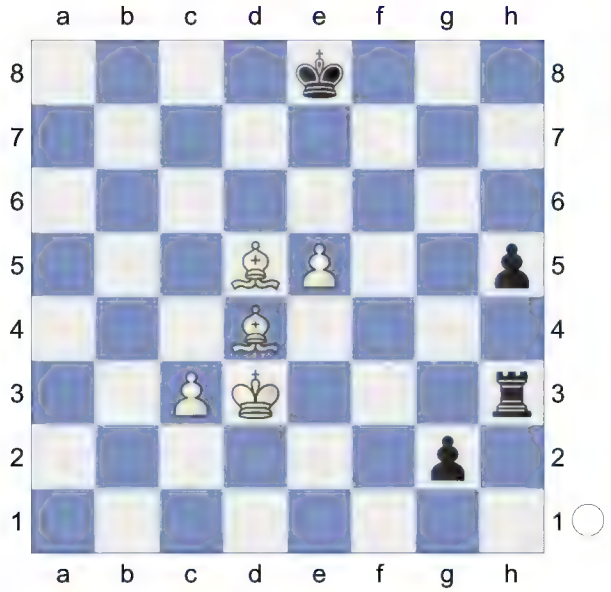


51.Bg3 Kf6 52.Bc8 Ra5 53.Bh4+ Kf7! 54.Bd7 Ra1 55.Bxc6 0.01/27
[Better is 55.Bf5!⩲ 0.58/26]
55...Rh1!=

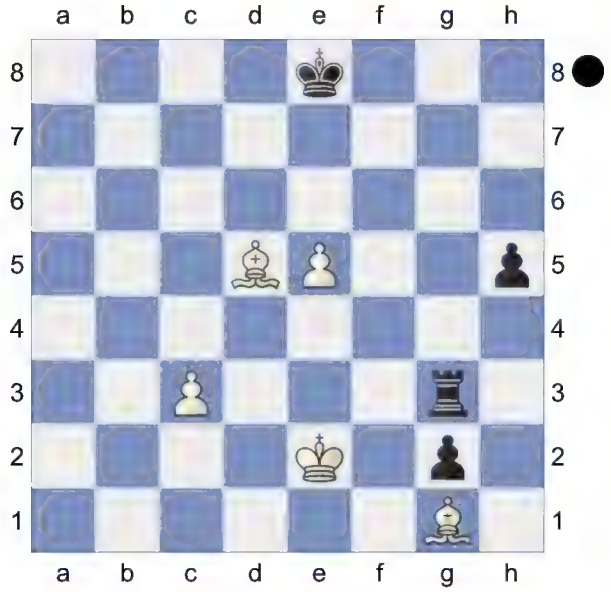


56.Bd5+ Ke8 57.Bf6 Rxh2 0.40/24
[57...h4!= 0.01/27 58.Bxh4 *(58.Bxe5 g3=)* 58...Rxh2]
58.Bxe5⩲ This bishop pair is nice.
58...g3 Hoping for ...Rh2-h1. **59.Bd4** Black must now prevent e4-e5.
[Wrong is 59.Bxg3? Rh3 60.Ke3 *(60.Bc6+? Ke7-+)* 60...Rxg3+ 61.Kf2 h4-+]

59...g2! Strongly threatening ...Rh2-h1.
60.e5 Rh3+



61.Ke2 Rg3 62.Bg1



White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

34 **C57**
□ **Rozinov,Alex**
■ **Hruza,Dominik**
Jugoslavija (ch) 25/249 1984
[John Watson]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
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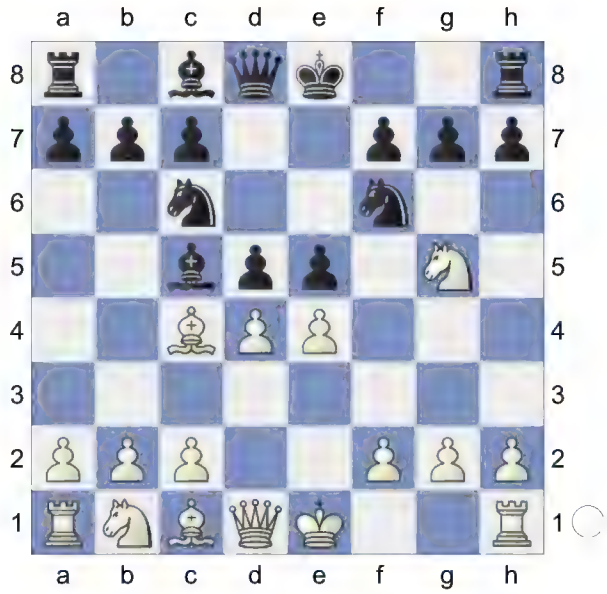
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!



6.dxc5
[6.Bxd5 feels hotter. Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3]

6...dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Na3
The position is equal.
[8.Nd2 -0.46/20 8.Nc3 0.14 Ne6 0.27/20 *(8...Nd7∓ -0.46/20)* 9.Nxc4= Nd4 10.Na3 h6 11.Nf3 Nxe4 12.Nxd4! exd4 13.Nb5 Kd8 14.c6 d3 15.cxd3 Nc5 16.Be3 0.28/21 *(16.cxb7±* 0.66/20 feels stronger. *Bxb7 17.0-0)* 16...bxc6 17.Nxa7 -0.01/21 *(17.Bxc5±* 0.56/20 *cxb5 18.Bd4)* 17...Nxd3+= 18.Kd2 Ba6 19.Nxc6+ Kd7 20.Rac1 -0.88/18 *(20.Na5=* -0.04/19 remains equal.*)* 20...Nxc1∓ 21.Rxc1 Rhe8 22.g3 g5

23.a3 Bb5 24.Nd4 c6 0.24/19 *(24...Re5∓ -0.41/20)* 25.Kc3 -0.68/20 *(25.Rc5!= 0.24/19)* 25...Rab8 0.29/17 *(25...Re5∓ -0.68/20)*]

8...Ne6 9.Nb5 Nxe6 is the strong threat.

9...Nxg5 10.Bxg5 Nxe4? 3.19/23

[10...Kd7!= 0.10/21]

11.Nxc7++- Kd7 12.Nxa8 Nxg5 13.0-0-0+ Kc6 Threatens to win with ... Bg4! **14.Rd6+ Kb5** 4.17/22

[⌂14...Kxc5 2.78/22 15.Rhd1 Be6]

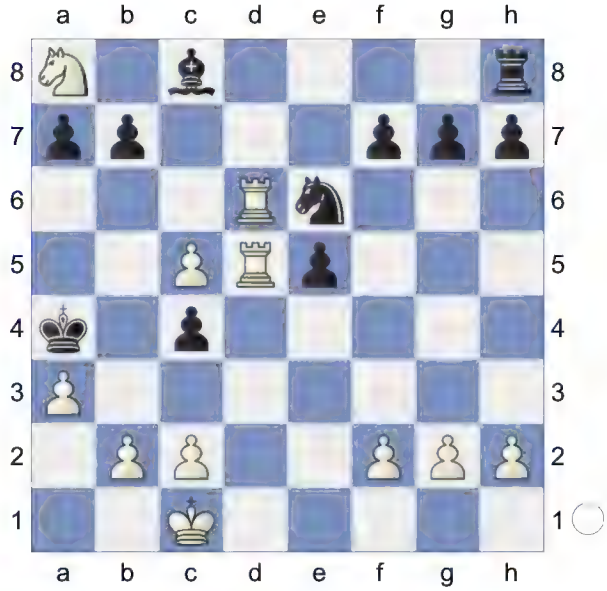
15.Rhd1 Ne6

16.R1d5 And now c6+ would win.

16...Kb4 6.87/23

[⌂16...h5 4.31/20 17.c6+ *(17.Rxe5 Ka5+-)* 17...Ka6 18.c7+ *(18.Rxe5 bxc6 19.Rxc6+ Kb7±)* 18...b6]

17.a3+ Ka4



18.Rb6?? -1.99/24 a5?? #4/10

[18...axb6 19.c6 *(19.cxb6? -3.87/24* 19.c6 -2.02 *Rd8; 19.Nxb6+ Kb5)* 19...Nc5 -0.41/22 *(19...b5 20.Nb6+ Ka5 21.Nxc4+ Ka6 22.cxb7 Bxb7 23.Rd6+ Ka7 24.Nxe5; 19...b5-+* -1.87/26 *20.Nb6+ Ka5 21.cxb7 Bxb7 22.Nxc4+ Ka6 23.Rd6+ Ka7 24.Nxe5 Re8)* 20.cxb7? -5.97/25 *(20.c7!∓* -0.41/22 *Nd7 21.Nxb6+ Nxb6 22.Rd8)* 20...Bxb7-+ 21.Nxb6+ Kb5]

[18...axb6-+ -1.99/24 19.c6 b5 *(19...bxc6 20.Nxb6#)* 20.Nb6+ Ka5 21.Nxc4+ Ka6 22.cxb7 Bxb7 *(22...bxc4 23.b8Q Rd8 24.Rb5)* 23.Rd6+ Ka7 24.Nxe5 Re8 *(24...Bxg2 25.Rd7+ Kb6 26.Rd6+ Ka7 27.Rd7+ Ka8 28.Rxf7-+)* 25.Nc6+ Bxc6 26.Rxc6 Kb7]

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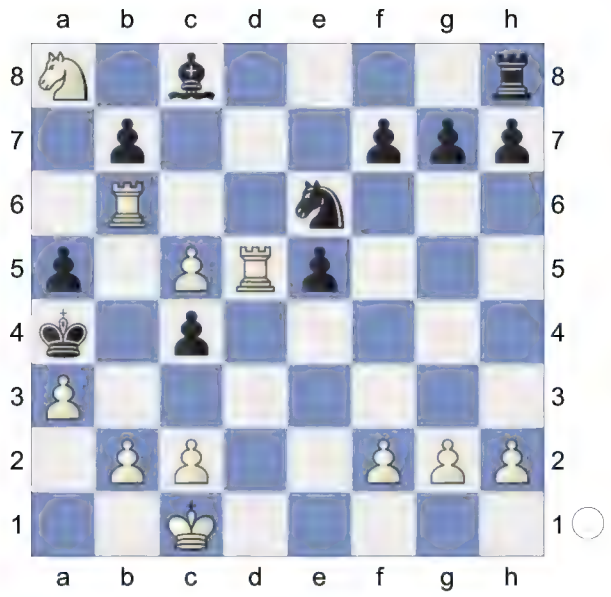
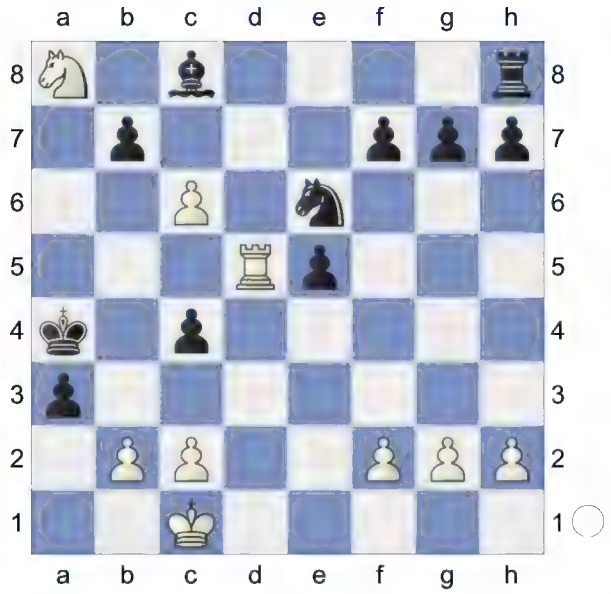


19.Rb4+?? -2.54/5 Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=1.49. Loss on time!? **19...axb4 20.c6 bxa3**



21.Nb6+ Kb4 22.c3+ Kb3 23.Rb5+ Ka2 24.Ra5

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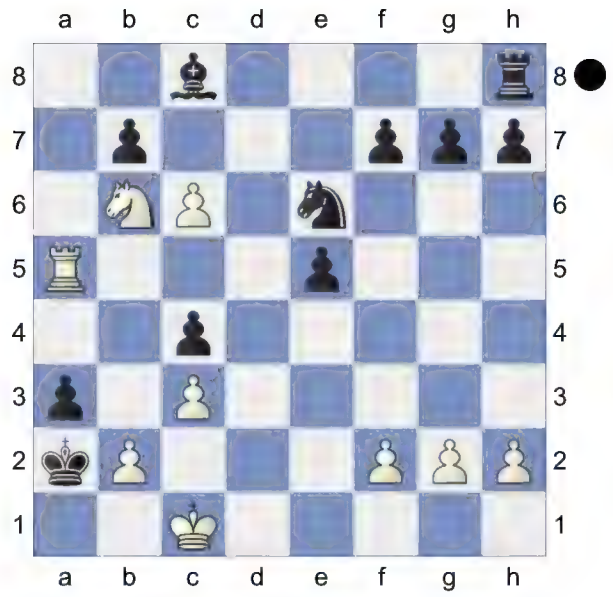

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35 **C57**
□ **Radic,Paul**
■ **Muench,Klaus Norbert**
Bundesliga 1976/77 South (4.8) 09.01.77
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.exd5 -0.49/19
[White should try 6.Bxd5= 0.12/19 Nxd5 7.dxc5]
6...Nxd4∓ aiming for ...Bf5! **7.c3 Nf5 8.0-0** Black is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Nd2 Nd6** Wards off Nge4
[9...Nxd5? 10.Nde4+-]
10.Bd3 h6
[10...Nxd5? 11.Bxh7+ *(11.Nxh7 Re8=)* 11...Kh8 12.Qh5+-]

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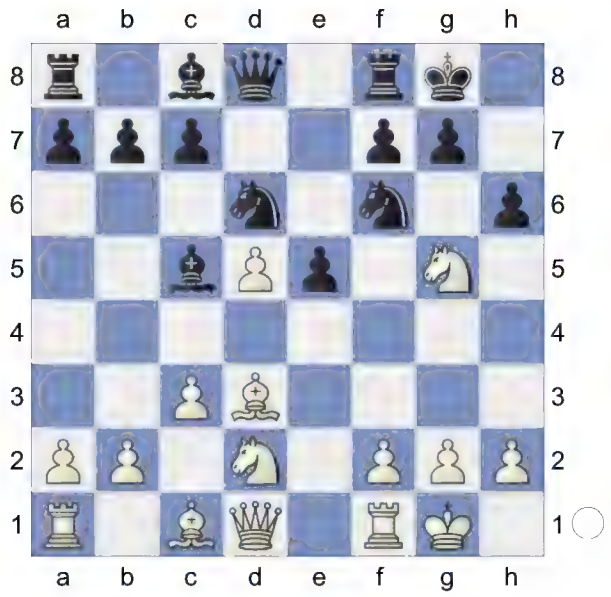
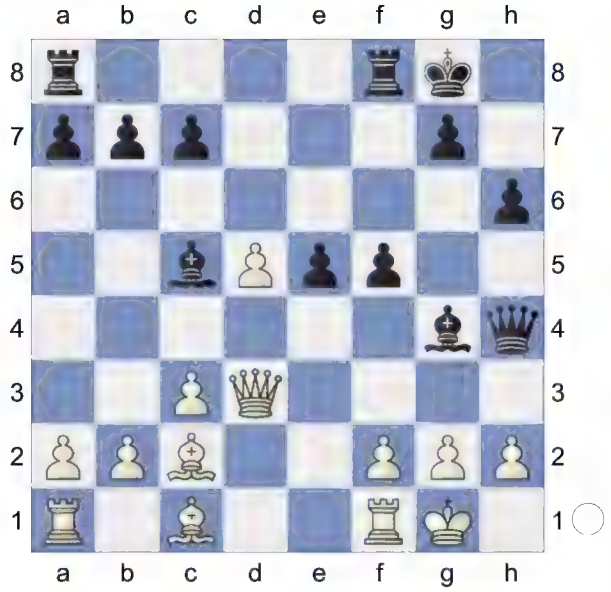
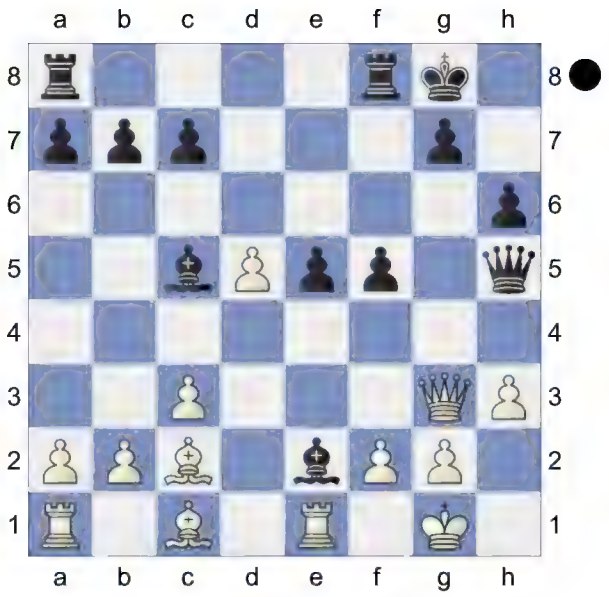


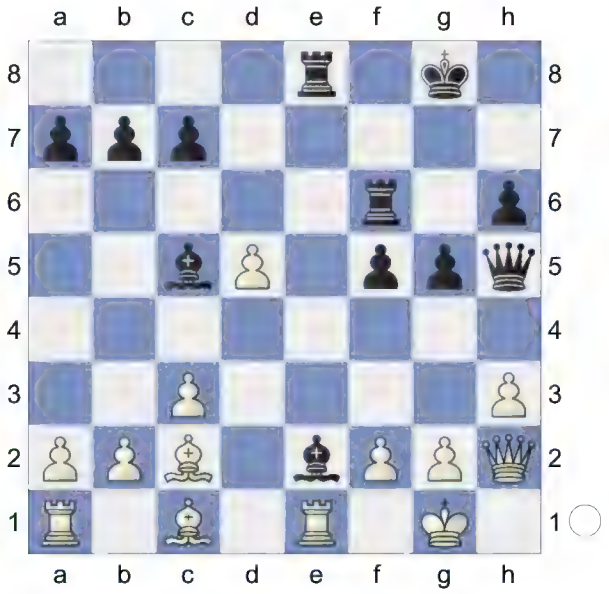
11.Nge4 Nfxe4
[11...Ndxe4 simplifies 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 f5]
12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Qh4 14.Bc2 Bg4 15.Qd3 f5



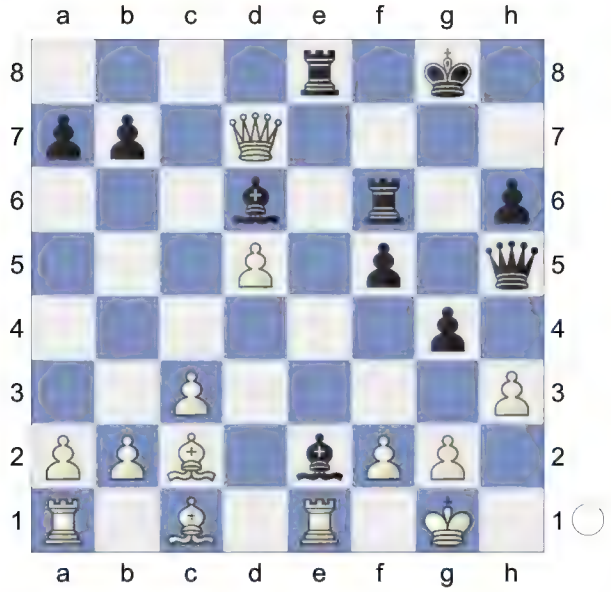
16.Qg3 -0.95/19
[16.Bd2= -0.29/16 keeps the balance.]
16...Qh5!∓ 17.h3
[17.Qxe5? Bd6-+]
17...Be2 18.Re1 -1.39/20
[⌓18.b4 -1.02/19 Bxf1 19.Kxf1]



18...Rf6! 19.Qxe5 -1.74/21
[19.b4∓ -1.27/19 f4 20.Qh2]
19...Re8-+ 20.Qh2
[20.Qxc7? Rg6 21.Be3 *(21.Qxc5 Qxh3)* 21...Qf3-+ *(21...Bxe3? 22.fxe3 Bf3 23.Qh2-+)*]
20...g5 -0.75/21
[20...Bd3-+ -2.02/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 21.Bg5 *(21.Bxd3? Rxe1+ 22.Bf1 Rxf1+* Back Rank *23.Kxf1 Qd1#; 21.Rxe8+? Qxe8-+)* 21...Bd6]

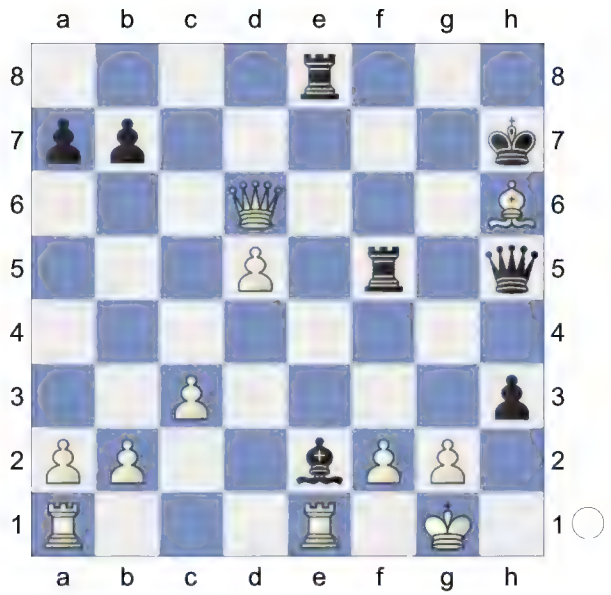


Inhibits Bf4. **21.Qxc7∓ Bd6** 0.19/20
[21...Bb6∓ -0.58/22 22.Qd7 *(22.Qxb7? Ba6-+)* 22...g4 23.Bxh6 *(23.Qxb7? gxh3 24.Bxh6 Qxh6-+)* 23...Rxh6]
22.Qd7!=
[22.Qxb7? g4 23.Bxh6 *(23.Qxa7? gxh3 24.f4 hxg2-+)* 23...Rxh6 *(23...Qxh6? 24.Qd7-+)* 24.Rxe2 Rxe2-+]
22...g4→

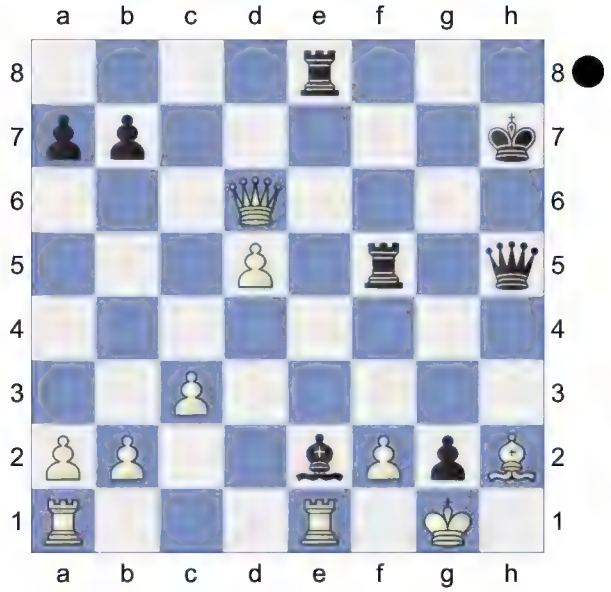


White needs to defend precisely. **23.Bxf5!** Deflection **23...Rxf5 24.Qxd6** Threatens to win with Qg3. **24...gxh3**
25.Bxh6? -3.90/21 Loses the game.
[25.Qxh6± 0.65/21 keeps the upper hand. hxg2 26.Qxh5 Rxh5 27.Bf4 *(27.Kxg2? perishes. Bf3+* Discovered Attack *28.Kxf3 Rxe1-+)*]
25...Kh7-+

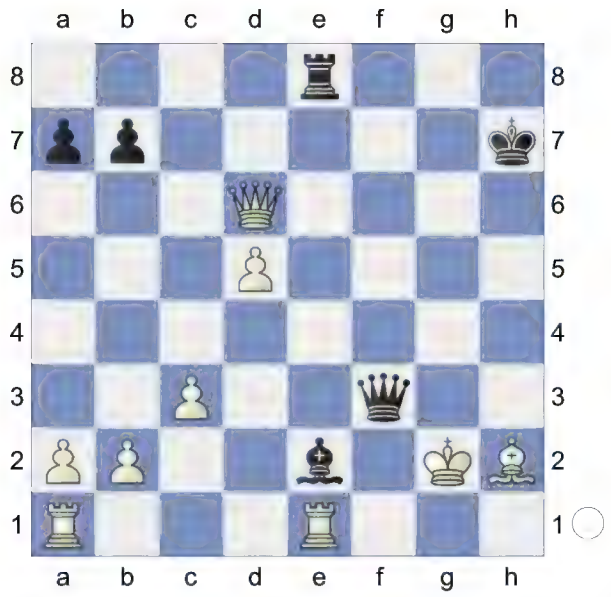
(Diagram)



...hxg2 is the strong threat. **26.Bf4** -5.99/20
[26.Qh2 -3.85/19 was called for. Kxh6 *(26...Qxh6? 27.g3-+)* 27.g3]
26...hxg2
[Weaker is 26...Rxd5 27.Qc7+ Kh8 28.gxh3 Qxh3 29.Bg3=]
27.Bh2



Rxf2!! Decoy **28.Kxf2**
[28.Qd7+ Rf7]
28...Qf3+ 29.Kg1 Qd7+ would now be deadly. **29...Qe3+ 30.Kxg2 Qf3+**
(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.15 (very precise)

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36 **C57**
Surveyabersicht
Traxler-Gegenangriff 1996
[Kitty Kat]

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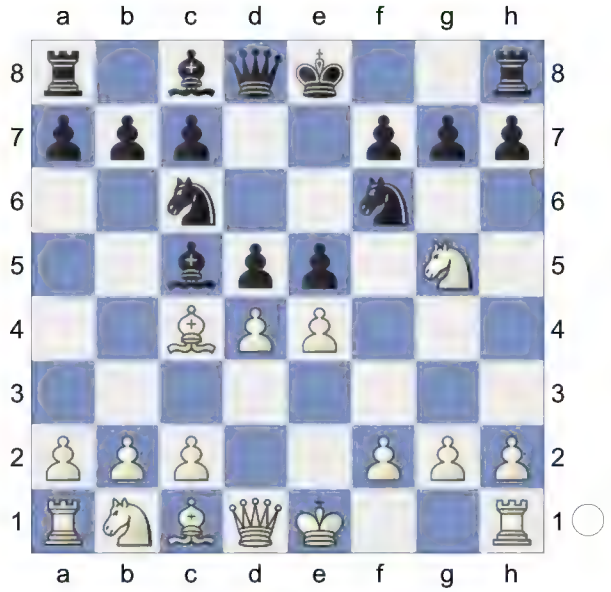
[5...exd4? 6.Nxf7 Qe7 7.Nxh8 Qxe4+ 8.Qe2+- Estrin,Y]



6.Bxd5
[6.exd5 -0.39/19 6.Bxd5 0.23 Nxd4 7.c3 Nf5=]
6...Nxd4
[6...Nxd5 Game Hilge,A-Roeberg,F]
[6...Nxd5 simplifies 7.dxc5 Ndb4

8.a3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6]

7.Bxf7+

[7.Nxf7 -0.13/21 7.Bxf7+ 0.45 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bg4!

A) 9.Qd3 -1.25/20 9.Qd2 0.21 Nxd5 10.exd5 -1.73/21 *(10.c3∓ -0.79/19 Nf4 11.Bxf4)* 10...Bf5!-+ 11.Qg3 Nxc2+ 12.Ke2 Nxa1 13.Bg5 -2.46/19 *(⌓13.Be3 -1.80/18)* 13...Qf8? -0.69/19 *(13...Qd6-+ -2.46/19* Strongly threatening ... Nc2! *14.Rc1 Nc2)* 14.Nc3? -2.46/21 *(14.Rc1!∓ -0.69/19 Kd7 15.Nf7 Qxf7 16.Rxc5 Bxb1 17.Qxe5)* 14...Nc2-+ 15.Rc1 Nd4+ 16.Kf1 Bd6 17.Re1 -3.04/20 *(⌓17.f4 -1.66/20)* 17...Kd7-+ 18.Rxe5? -6.38/20 *(18.Bd2 -3.19/19)* 18...Bxe5-+ 19.Qxe5 Bd3+ 0-1 Paulig-Giertz/corr/1967/;

B) 9.Qd3? -1.93/21 9.Bf7+ 0.01 Nxd5 10.c3 Against Nb4 Nb4! 11.cxb4 Bxb4+

B1) 12.Nc3 Rd8 -0.34/23 *(12...Qd7∓ -1.34/23* Hoping for ... 0-0-0. *13.Kf1 Bxc3)* 13.Qg3 -1.62/20 *(13.Kf1!∓ -0.34/23 Bxc3 14.Qxc3)* 13...Bxc3+!-+ 14.Qxc3 Nb5! 15.Qc2 -1.43/21 *(⌓15.Qb3 -0.82/23 Rd1+* Skewer *16.Qxd1 Bxd1 17.Kxd1)* 15...Qb4+ -0.01/21 *(15...Qc5!∓ -1.43/21 16.Qb3 Rd1+* Skewer *17.Qxd1 Bxd1)* 16.Bd2= Nd4! 17.0-0! Nxc2 18.Bxb4 Nxb4∓ Cramer,G;

B2) 12.Bd2 0-0-0 13.Qg3 Qd7 14.Nf7? -4.98/23 *(14.Nc3? -5.20/21* 14.h4 -2.95 *Bxc3 15.Qxc3* aiming for f3! *Qb5!-+ '-+'; 14.h4 -2.76/22)* 14...Bxd2+? -0.11/24 *(14...h5!-+ -4.98/23 15.f3 Bxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Nc2+ 17.Kf1 Qd3+ 18.Kg1 Qe3+ 19.Kf1 Rxd2 20.Nd6+ cxd6 21.Re1 Qd3+* Deflection *22.Kg1 Qd4+ 23.Kf1 Bd7 24.a4 Bxa4 25.Re2 Rxe2 26.Qh3+ Kc7 27.Qd7+ Bxd7 28.Kxe2 Bb5#)* 15.Nxd2= Nc2+ -0.77/5 *(15...h5=* 0.01/24 *16.Qc3 Qxf7)* 16.Kf1∓ Be2+

B2a) 17.Kg1? -4.32/22 17.Kxe2 0.17 Qxf7 18.Rc1 Rxd2 19.Qc3? -6.07/24 *(19.h4 -3.71/24)* 19...Nd4-+ 20.Qxd2 Nf3+! 21.gxf3 Qg6+-+;

B2b) 17.Kxe2 Qxd2+ 18.Kf1 Nxa1 19.Qg4+

B2b1) 19...Rd7? (-> ...Qc1+) 20.g3 Qxb2? 5.89/24 *(20...Nc2± 0.35/24 21.Qe6 Qd1+ 22.Kg2 Ne3+ 23.fxe3 Qe2+ 24.Kg1 Qe1+ 25.Kg2 Qe2+ 26.Kg1 Qxe3+ 27.Kg2 Qe2+ 28.Kg1 Qe1+ 29.Kg2 Qe2+ 30.Kg1 Qe1+ 31.Kg2 Qe2+)* 21.Qe6 White wants to mate with Qe8+. c6 7.06/25 *(⌓21...Qd2* 4.45/23 *22.Nxe5* Pin *Nc2)* 22.Nxe5+- Qd4 23.Kg2 Nc2 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Qg8+ Kc7 26.Qxh7+-;

B2b2) 19...Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Rxd7 21.Ke2! Dodges Rd1 Rxf7 22.Rxa1= Cramer,G;

C) 9.Qd2 -0.39/20 9.Qd3 -0.01 Nxd5 10.exd5 Bf5 *(10...Qh4!? 11.Nc3 Bf3=)* 11.0-0! Nxc2 12.g4 Nd4 13.Kg2! *(13.Qd1? -7.22/20* 13.Kg2 -0.06 *Bc2* 0-1 Majchrak-Rohlicek/corr/1954/) 13...Be4+

(13...Bxg4!? 14.f3□ Bxf3+ 15.Rxf3 Nxf3 16.Kxf3 0-0-0∓) 14.f3 Bxd5 15.Nc3 Bc4 16.Re1 *(16.Rf2!?)* 16...0-0-0 17.Qg5 Qf8 18.Be3? -13.60/23 *(18.Re3∓ -0.47/21)* 18...Qxf3+-+ 19.Kg1 Qh3 20.Qh5 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Nh4 0-1 Weissleder-Schlicker/corr/1956/;

D) 9.Bf7+= -0.01/23 Kf8 10.Qd3;

E) 9.f3 -0.52/18 9...Nxd5∓ 10.fxg4? -2.32/23 *(10.h4∓ -0.35/20 Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.c3)* 10...Qh4+-+ 11.Kd2? -6.08/21 *(11.g3 -2.25/22 Qh3 12.c3)* 11...Qf2+-+ 12.Kd3 Nb4+ 13.Kc3 0-0-0 14.Nd2 Qe3+ 15.Kc4 b5+ 16.Kxc5 Na6# 0-1 Alvarsson-Jonsson/Sweden/1966/]

7...Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better.

8...b5 9.Bd3

[9.Be2 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4 And now ... Nxf3+ would win. 11.Nxe5? -1.36/19 *(11.Be3± 0.41/19* keeps the upper hand. *)* 11...Nxf2!∓ 12.Kxf2 Nc6+? 0.24/19 *(12...Qd6∓ -1.34/19 13.Nd3 Nxe2+ 14.Be3 Rf8+* Deflection *15.Ke1 Bxe3 16.Qxe2 Qd4)* 13.Ke1 -0.17/19 *(13.Be3* 0.24/19 is superior. *Bxe3+ 14.Kxe3 Nxe5 15.Nc3)* 13...Nxe5 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8∓ Williams]

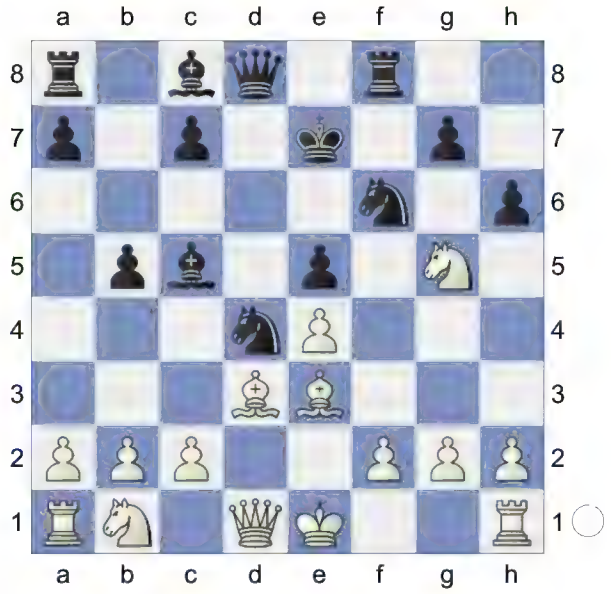
9...Rf8

[9...h6 10.Nf3 Ng4 11.Rf1 Qd6 12.h3 Nxd4 is the strong threat. Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Nh2 *(13...Nf6!?)* 14.Rg1 Wards off Qg6 *(14.Rh1!?* -1.39/17 14.Rg1 0.39*)* 14...Qf6 15.Rg3 Black must now prevent Ke2! Rf8 0.76/19 *(15...g5±* 0.40/19 *)* 16.Nd2± Ke2! would now be deadly. g5∓ Williams]

10.Be3 0.46/18

[10.c3± 0.87/18 Ng4 11.Nh3 *(11.cxd4?* is the wrong capture. *Qxd4 12.Qd2 Nxf2-+; 11.Nxh7 Nf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxf2±)*]

10...h6



11.Nf3 Bg4

[11...Ng4!?]

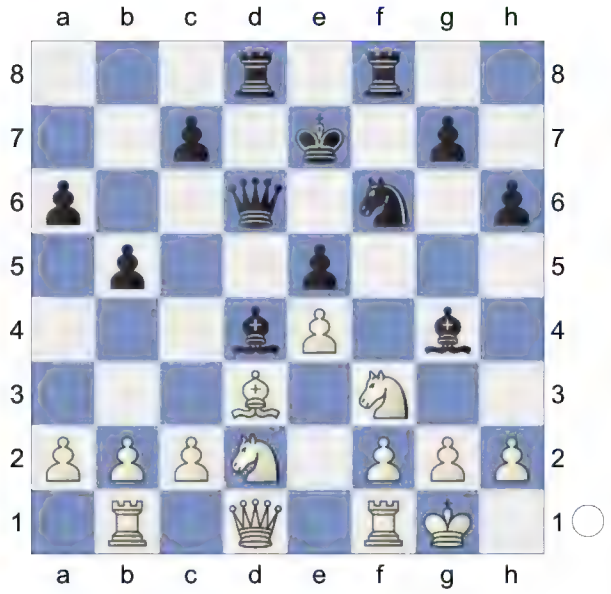
12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.Bxd4 0.71/19

[13.h3 0.49/19 13.0-0 1.08 Nxf3+! 14.gxf3 Bxe3 15.hxg4 0.35/19 *(15.fxe3±* 0.76/19 *Be6 16.Kf2)* 15...Bf4 0.78/18 *(15...Bd4±* 0.35/19 *)* 16.Bxb5 0.08/19 *(16.Qe2±* 0.78/18 *)* 16...Qb6= 17.Bd3 -0.78/21 *(17.Qe2=* 0.08/19 *)* 17...Nxg4∓ 18.Qe2 -1.28/21 *(⌓18.Rf1* -0.86/22 *Bxd2+ 19.Qxd2)* 18...Bxd2+∓ 19.Qxd2 -1.44/21 *(⌓19.Kxd2* -1.03/22 *Nxf2 20.Rhb1)* 19...Rxf3∓ 20.0-0-0 Threatens to win with Be2. Nxf2 21.Qc3 Nxh1 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 24.Qh5 Rf6 25.a4 -2.12/22 *(25.Kb1∓* -1.45/18 *)* 25...g5 26.Qh3 -2.12/20 *(⌓26.Kb1* -1.62/20 *)* 26...Qd4-+ 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Qxf1+ Kg7 0-1 Zinn,L-Nun,Jo/corr/1968/]

[White should play 13.0-0 1.11/18]

13...Bxd4± 14.Rb1 0.30/18

[But not 14.Bxb5?! Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Qc5+ 16.Ke1 Qxb5=]
[14.0-0± 0.93/18]
14...a6 0.66/17
[14...Nh5= 0.30/18 feels stronger.]
15.0-0 Rad8



16.h3
[16.Nxd4!? Qxd4 17.Qe1±]
16...Bxf3 17.Nxf3
[17.Qxf3?! g6±]
17...g5 1.23/17
[⊿17...Bb6 0.76/19]
18.Qe2 0.74/19
[White should try 18.a4 1.23/17]
18...Bb6 1.16/17
[⊿18...Nh5 0.74/19]
19.Rbd1 0.63/18
[19.Kh2± 1.16/17]
19...Qe6 1.27/18
[19...Nh5!± 0.63/18]
20.Kh2 c5

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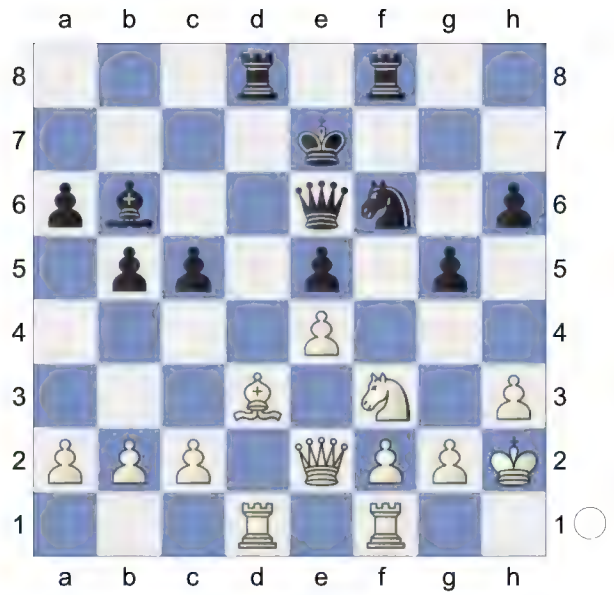
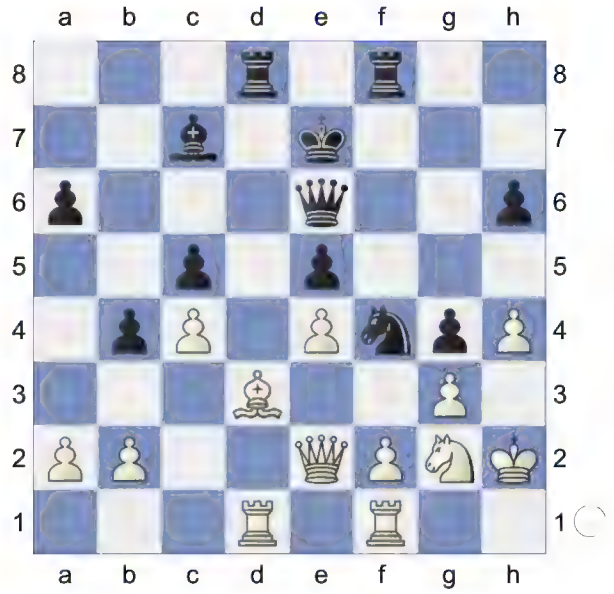
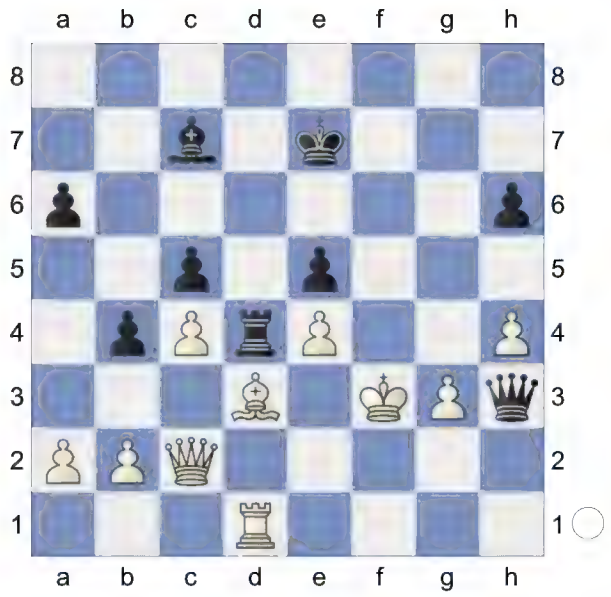


21.c4 b4 22.g3 Bc7 23.Ne1 g4 24.h4 Nh5 25.Ng2 1.10/22
[25.Nc2+- 1.71/18]
25...Nf4

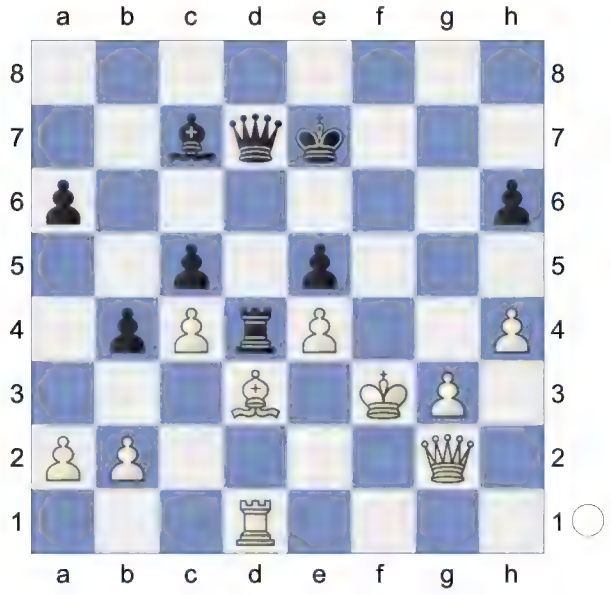


White is better. **26.Qc2**
[Of course not 26.gxf4?! exf4 27.e5 f3=]
26...Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Rd4 28.f3 gxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Rxf3 30.Kxf3 Qh3

(Diagram)



31.Qg2 Qd7



32.Qe2 Qh3 33.Qg2 0.01/33
[33.Qe3± 0.95/19]

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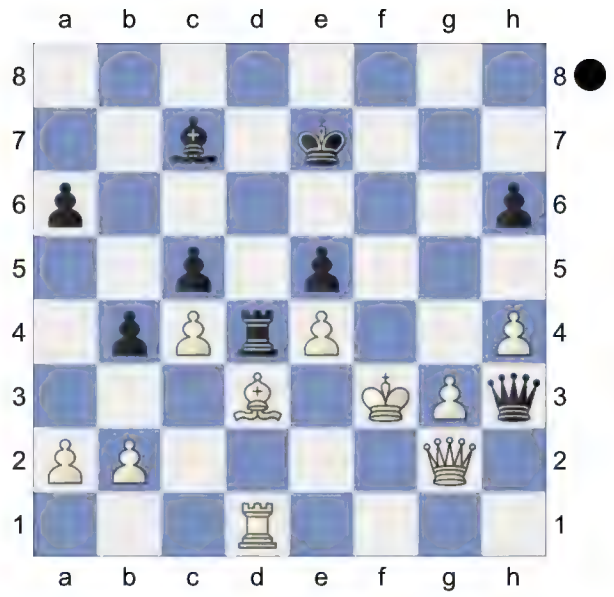


½-½ Allermann,H-Krauss,W/corr/1989/90/.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

37 **C57**
□ **Wanke,Rainer**
■ **Hennig,Edgar Paul**
M-class corr BdF 1984
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

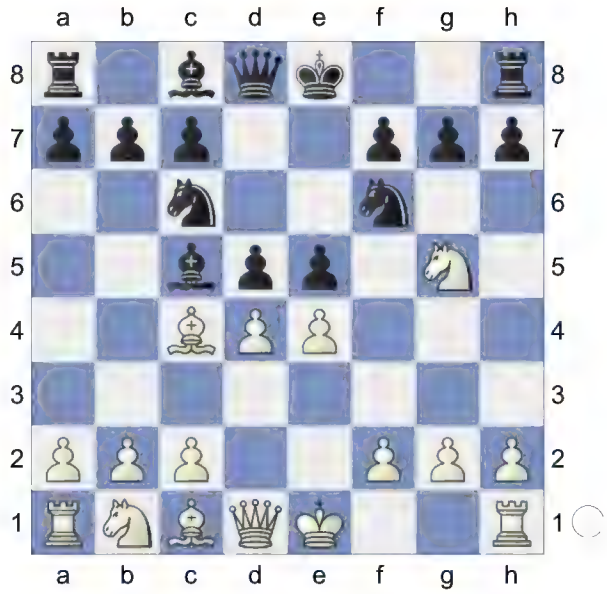
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.dxc5!

[6.Bxd5 looks sharper. Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3]

6...dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 = Estrin **8.Na3**

8 Nd2 Bianchi-Walsh. The position is equal.

[8.Nd2 -0.46/20 8.Nc3 -0.01 Ne6 0.27/20 *(8...Nd7∓ -0.46/20)* 9.Nxc4= Nd4 10.Na3! h6 11.Nf3 Nxe4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Nb5 Kd8 14.c6 d3 0.91/19 *(14...Re8±* 0.47/21 is superior. *15.0-0 bxc6 16.Nxd4 c5)* 15.cxd3 Nc5 16.Be3 0.17/20 *(16.cxb7!±* 0.78/19 *Bxb7 17.0-0)* 16...bxc6 17.Nxa7 0.06/21 *(17.Bxc5±* 0.47/20 *cxb5 18.Kd2)* 17...Nxd3+= 18.Kd2 Ba6 19.Nxc6+ Kd7 20.Rac1

-0.79/22 *(20.Na5=* -0.01/20 keeps the balance.) 20...Nxc1∓ 21.Rxc1 Rhe8 22.g3 g5 23.a3 Bb5 24.Nd4 c6 -0.01/20 *(24...Re5∓* -0.44/20 deserves consideration.) 25.Kc3 -0.63/21 (White should play *25.Rc5=* -0.01/20) 25...Rab8 0.32/18 *(25...Re5∓* -0.63/21 *26.Kb3 Ba4+ 27.Ka2 Rd5)*]

8...Ne6 Maybe not best **9.Nb5!** aiming for Nxe6. **9...Nxg5** **10.Bxg5 Nxe4?** 2.95/22

[10...Kd7!= 0.10/21]

11.Nxc7++- **Kd7** **12.Nxa8** **Nxg5** **13.0-0-0+** **Kc6** Threatens to win with ... Bg4! **14.Rd6+** **Kb5** 4.04/22

[⚠14...Kxc5 2.86/22 15.Rhd1 Be6]

15.Rhd1 **Ne6**

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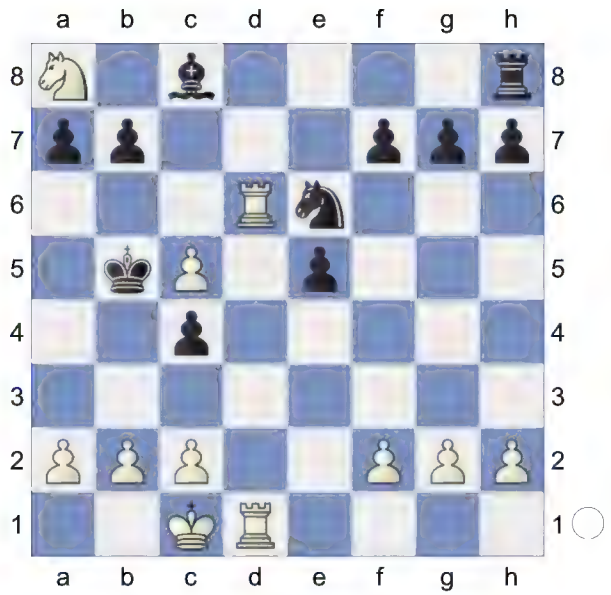
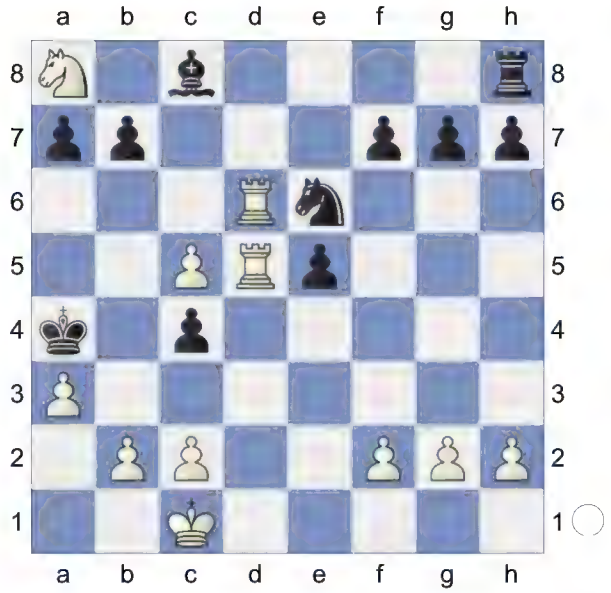


16.R1d5 **Kb4** **17.a3+** **Ka4**



18.Rb6?? -1.71/23 Simply 18 Rxe5 +- The actual finish of the game is incomprehensible. **18...a5??** #4/10

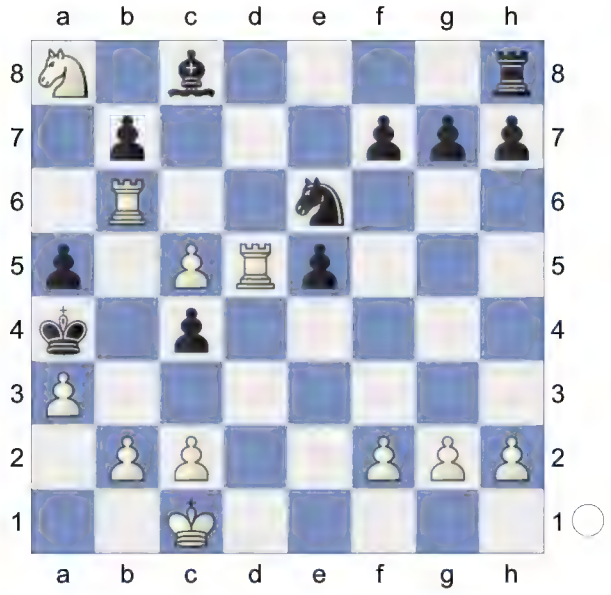
[18...axb6 Why not? 19.c6 *(19.cxb6?* -3.62/25 19.c6 -1.99 *Rd8; 19.Nxb6+ Kb5)*

A) 19...b5 20.Nb6+ Ka5 21.Nxc4+ -1.17/5 *(21.cxb7-+* -1.86/25 *Bxb7 22.Nxc4+ Ka6 23.Rd6+ Ka7 24.Nxe5)* 21...Ka6∓ 22.cxb7 Bxb7 23.Rd6+ Ka7 24.Nxe5 White is fighting for a draw;

B) Better is 19...b5-+ -1.73/28 20.Nb6+ Ka5 21.Nxc4+ Ka6 22.Nxe5 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Nxd8 24.cxb7 Kxb7;

C) 19...Nc5-+ -0.03/21 20.cxb7? -6.50/23 *(20.c7= -0.03/21 Nd7 21.Nxb6+ Nxb6 22.Rd8)* 20...Bxb7-+ 21.Nxb6+ Kb5]

[18...axb6-+ -1.71/23 19.c6 b5 *(19...bxc6 20.Nxb6#)* 20.Nb6+ Ka5 21.Nxc4+ Ka6 22.cxb7 Bxb7 *(22...bxc4 23.b8Q Rd8 24.Rb5)* 23.Rd6+ Ka7 24.Nxe5 Re8 *(24...Bxg2? 25.Rd7+ Ka8 26.Rxf7-+)*]



After this there is a pretty forced mate **19.Rb4+!** -1.27/5 **axb4∓** **20.c6** threat Nb6 mate **20...bxa3??** #5/12

[Stronger than 20...bxc6 21.Nb6#]

[20...b5-+ -2.29/23 21.Nb6+ Ka5 22.Nxc4+ Ka6 23.Nxe5 Kb6]

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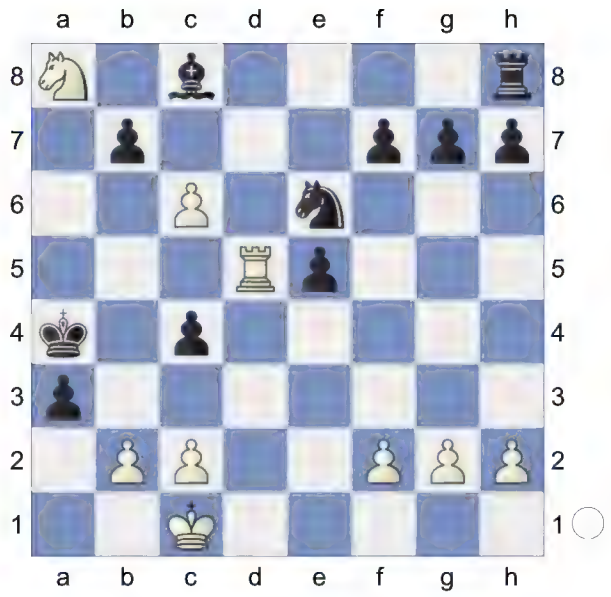
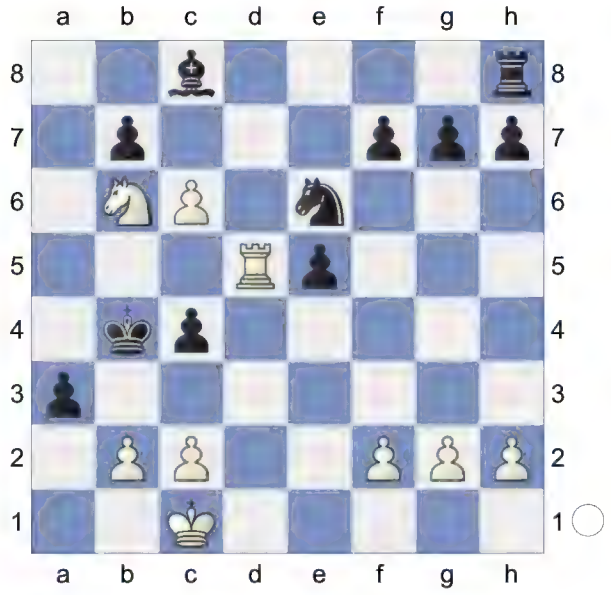


21.Nb6+ Kb4



22.c3+! Kb3 23.Rb5+ Ka2

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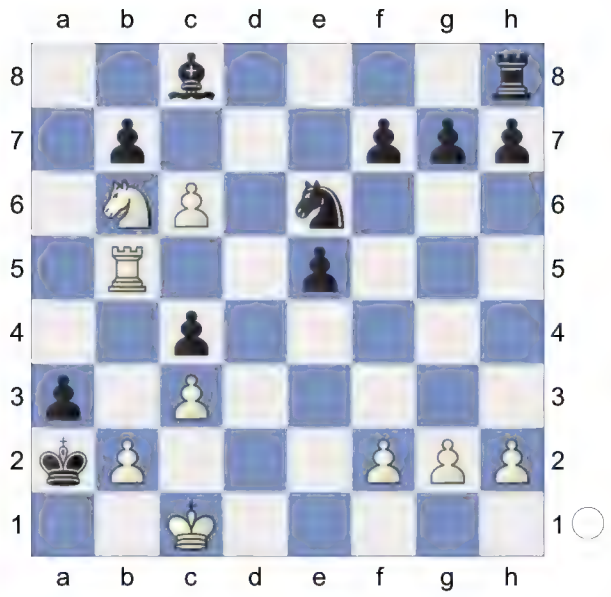
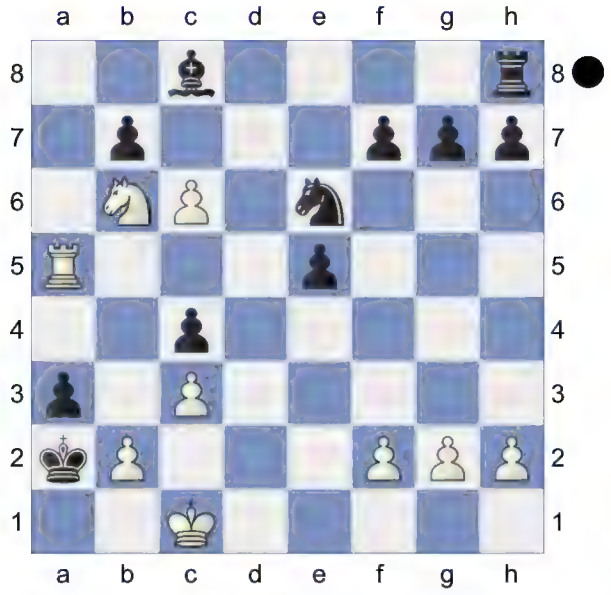


...Nc5! would now be deadly. **24.Ra5!**



and Rxa3 mate 1-0 (24) Wanke,R-Hennig,E corr BdF 1984. Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=1.59
1-0

38 **C57**
□ **Alvarsson**
■ **Jonsson**
Sweden 1966
[ChessCalisthenics]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves RR: 'Inf 1/165' Tactical Analysis 6.4: 'C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

' **1.e4** Tactical Analysis 6.4 RR **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5** Tactical Analysis 6.4: 'N'

[4.d3 Tactical Analysis 6.4

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 RR: '!?' **5.d4** RR: '?!'

[5.Bxf7+ Ke7 6.Bb3 Qe8 *(6...Rf8 7.0-0 h6 8.Nf3 d6 9.h3 Qe8 10.Nc3 g5 11.d3 Be6 12.Nd5+ Kd7 13.c3 g4 14.Bxh6 gxf3 15.Bxf8 Qxf8 16.Qxf3 Nh7 17.Nxc7 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rg8+ 19.Kh2 Bxb3 20.axb3 Kxc7 21.b4* Krasnov,Y (2368)-Sergeev,G (2412)/Tula 2006/ EXT 2008/1-0 (44)*)* 7.0-0 Rf8 8.Nc3 d6 9.Nd5+ Kd8 10.c3 h6 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxf6 Rxf6 13.e5 Rf5 14.Nf3 Nxe5 15.Nxd4 Rf6 16.Be3 Ng4 17.Re1 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Qf8 19.Qe2 c6 Howell,J (2525)-David,A (2465)/Groningen 1995/CBM 050 ext/ 1-0]

5...d5N

[5...Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.Nxf7 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bxf2+ 9.Kf1 Bb6 10.b4 d6 11.Bg5 Bg4 12.Qxg4 Nxg4 13.Bxe7 Kxe7 14.Ke2 Rxh8 15.Nd2 Nd8 16.h3 Nf6 17.g4 c6 18.Bb3 d5 19.exd5 cxd5 20.c4 Porreca,G-Bisguier,A/Zagreb 1955/MCD/0-1 (40)]

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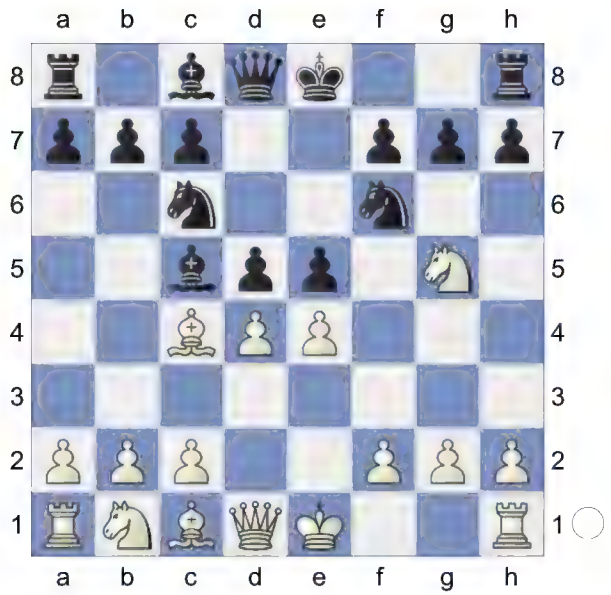


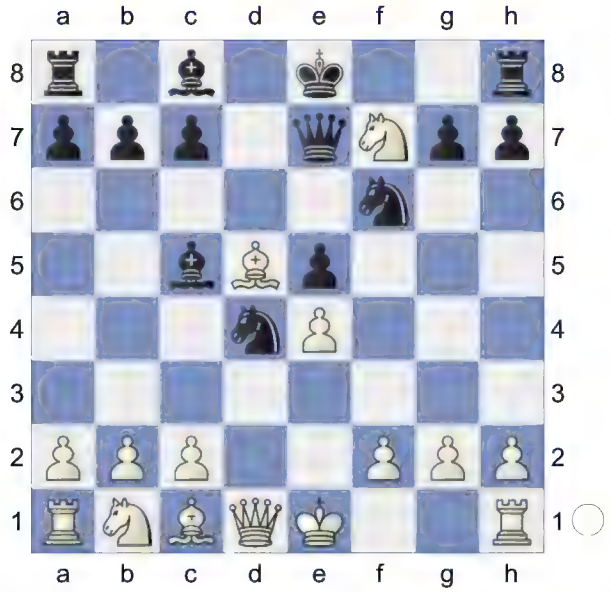
RR: '!' **6.Bxd5** RR: '?!' **6...Nxd4**

[6...Nxd5 (Tactical Analysis 6.4) simplifies 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6]

7.Nxf7 0.01/22

[7.Bxf7+± 0.38/20 (Tactical Analysis 6.4) feels stronger. Kf8 8.Bc4]

7...Qe7 Tactical Analysis 6.4: '=' Tactical Analysis 6.4: '



aiming for ...Bg4.' **8.Nxh8** Tactical Analysis 6.4: ' Strongly threatening c3. The position is equal.' **8...Bg4** RR: '!' Tactical Analysis 6.4: '!' **9.f3** -0.92/21

[9.Bf7+!? Qxf7 10.Nxf7 Bxd1 11.Kxd1 Nxe4 12.Be3 Kxf7 13.Nd2±]

[9.Ng6 Tactical Analysis 6.4 hxg6 10.Qd3 Nxd5 11.exd5 Bf5-+]

[9.Qd2!± 0.43/20 (Tactical Analysis 6.4) keeps the upper hand.]

9...Nxd5 Tactical Analysis 6.4: '∓'

10.fxg4 -1.98/23 Tactical Analysis 6.4: ' Now White is beyond hope.'

[10.h4 -0.33/21 Tactical Analysis 6.4: '∓!' Nb4 *(10...Nf4 Tactical Analysis 6.4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.c3)* 11.Na3∓]

[10.exd5 RR Qh4+-+]

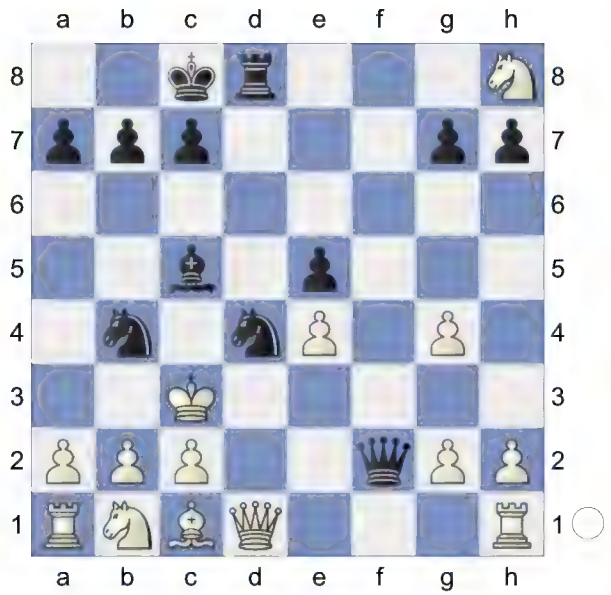
10...Qh4+

Tactical Analysis 6.4: '-+' **11.Kd2??** -5.88/21 Tactical Analysis 6.4: '?'

[⍝11.g3 -2.61/21 Tactical Analysis 6.4: ' nothing else works.' Qh3 12.exd5∓ Tactical Analysis 6.4: '?' Tactical Analysis 6.4: ' perishes.' *(12.c3* Tactical Analysis 6.4*)* 12...Qg2 RR Tactical Analysis 6.4: '-+' 13.Rf1 Nxc2+-+]

11...Qf2+ 12.Kd3 Nb4+ 13.Kc3 0-0-0 RR: '!' Tactical Analysis 6.4: '

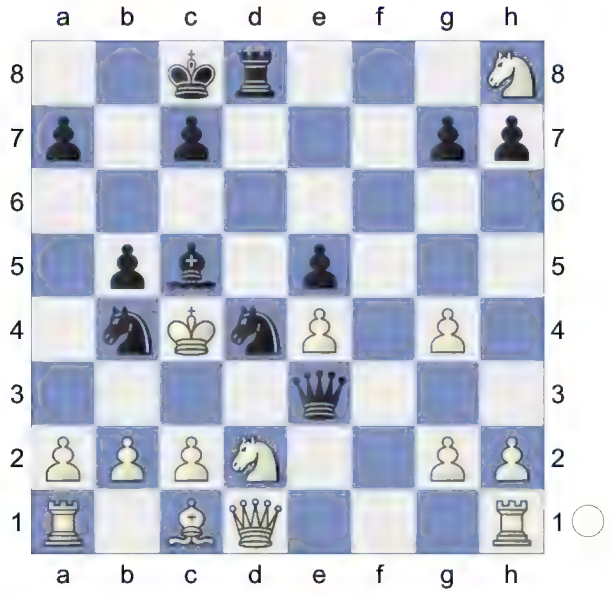
(Diagram)



...Nb5+ would now be deadly.' **14.Nd2**
RR: '?'

[14.Bd2 Qxg2 15.Re1 Nbxc2 16.b4 Bxb4+ 17.Kb2 Nxe1 18.Qxe1-+]

14...Qe3+ Tactical Analysis 6.4: 'Black mates.' **15.Kc4 b5+**



16.Kxc5 Na6#

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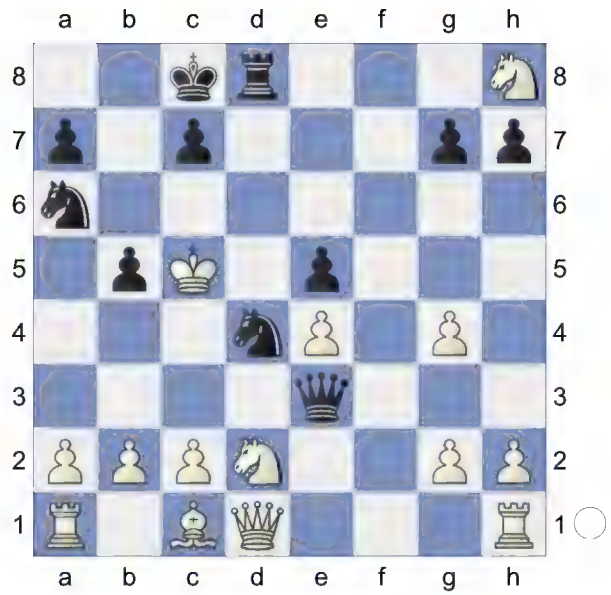

Tactical Analysis 6.4: '
Weighted Error Value: White=1.28/ Black=0.03 (flawless) '

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39 **C57**
□ **Rudnick,Werner**
■ **Fechner,Juergen**
DDR-Cup corr 1983
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
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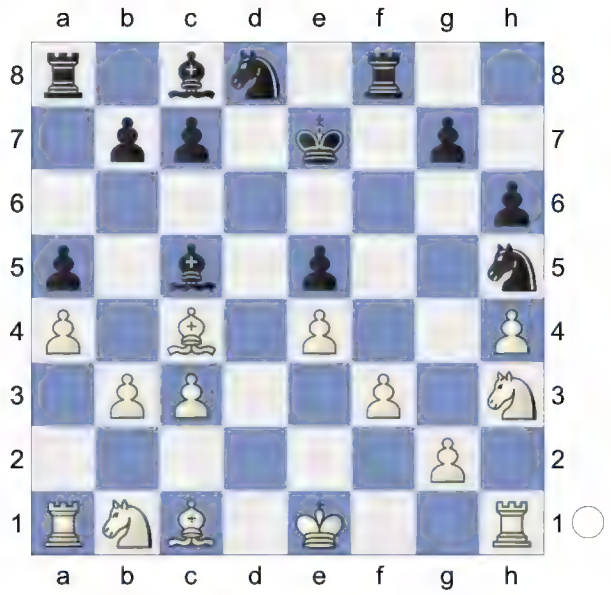
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4
[6...Nxd5 simplifies 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6]
7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...Rf8** Prevents Nf7. **9.c3 Nc6 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8**

(Diagram)

11.f3 Ke7 Against Ne6 **12.h4 h6 13.Nh3 a5 14.a4 Nh5 15.b3 Nd8**



16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Nxa3 c6 18.0-0-0 Ng3 19.Rh2 Ne6 20.Nf2 Threatens to win with Ng4. **20...Nf4**

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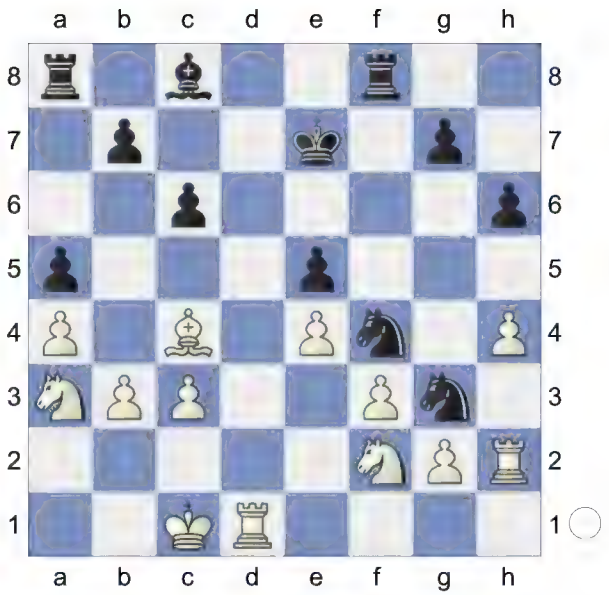
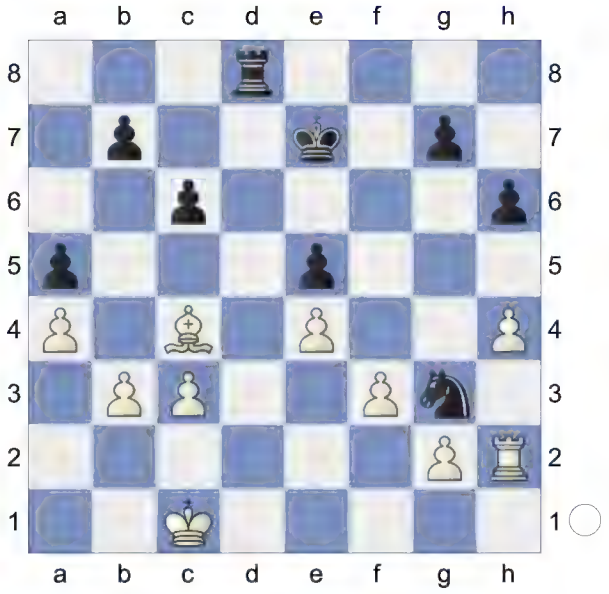


21.Nd3 Nxd3+ 22.Bxd3 Be6 23.Nc4 Bxc4 24.Bxc4 aiming for h5. **24...Rad8?** 4.52/25 This costs Black the game.

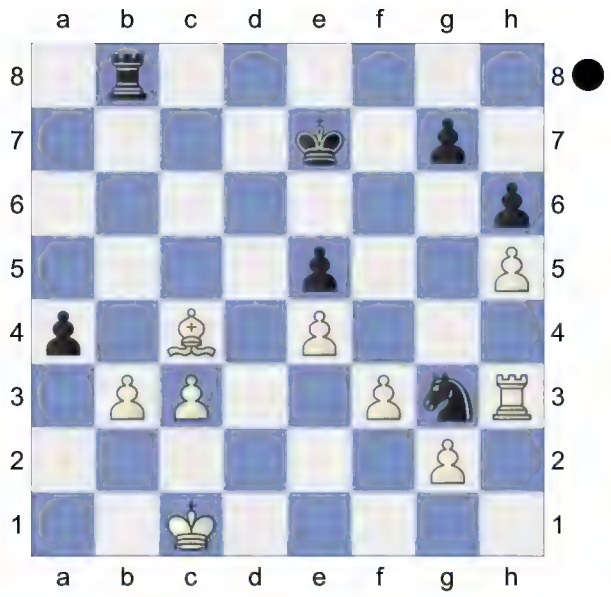
[24...Nh5± 0.77/20]

25.Rxd8+- White is clearly winning. **25...Rxd8**



26.h5! b5 27.axb5 cxb5 28.Bxb5 Rb8 29.Bc4 a4 30.Rh3

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.38

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40 **C57**
□ **Schwibbe,Rudolf**
■ **Baumbach,Fritz**
DDR/FS/82/92 1982
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves
82/92 82/94 82/94 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N**
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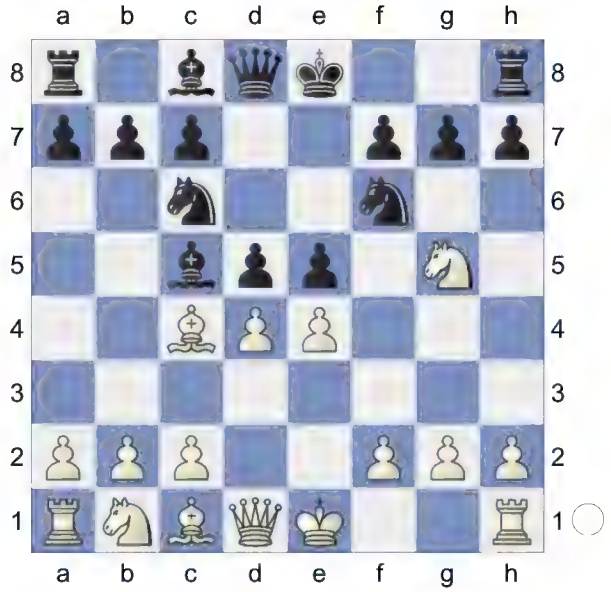
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.c3 -0.27/20
[7.Bxf7+± 0.38/18 Kf8 8.Bc4]
7...Nxd5 8.exd5 The position is equal.
8...Nf5 9.Ne4 Against Nd6 **9...Qe7** 0.16/18
[9...Be7∓ -0.36/18]
10.Bg5 f6

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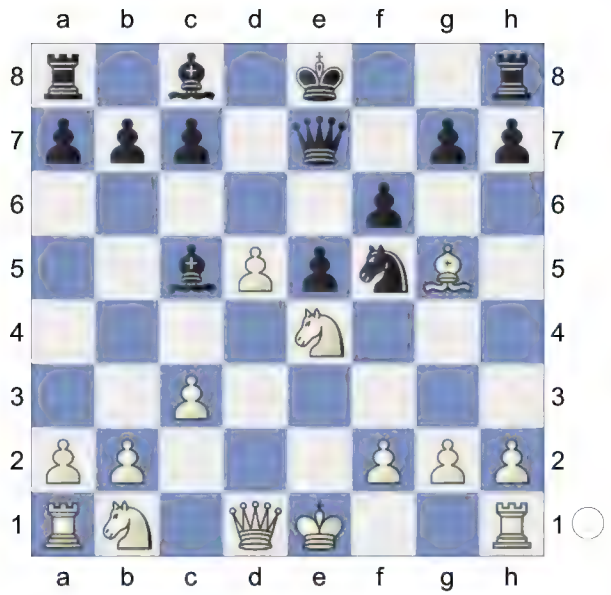
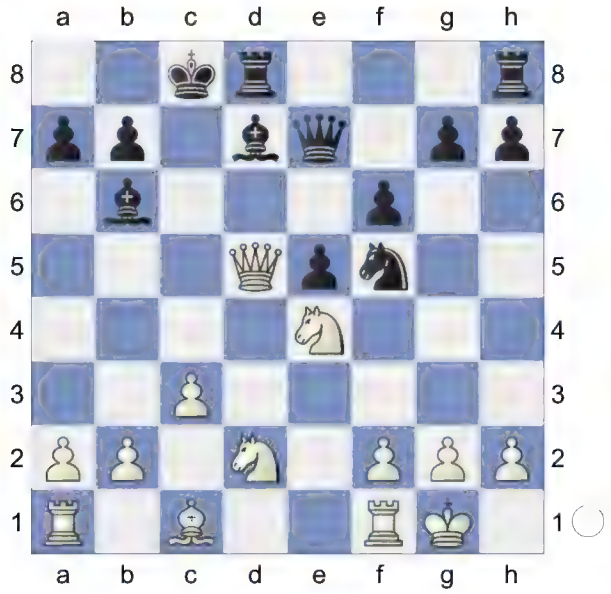


11.Bc1 Bd7 12.Nbd2 0-0-0 13.Qb3 -0.77/21

[13.a4= -0.24/18]

13...c6∓ 14.0-0 cxd5 15.Qxd5 Bb6



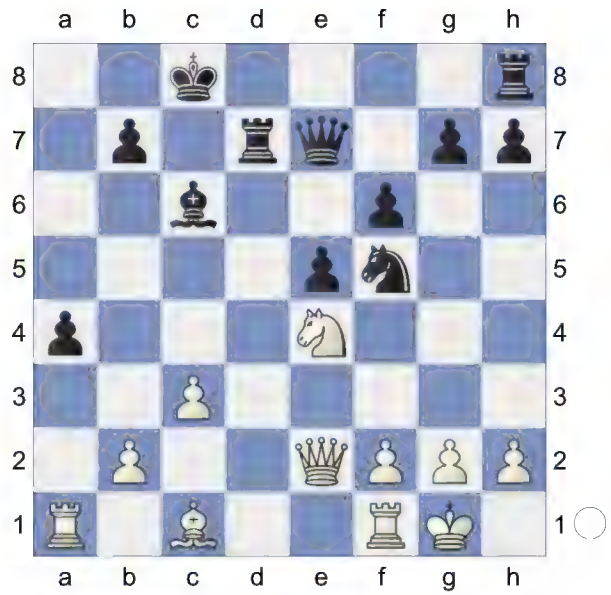
16.Nc4 Bc6 -0.34/20

[Black should play 16...Bc7∓ -0.77/20 And now ...Bc6 would win. 17.Na5 Bxa5 18.Qxa5 Kb8 *(18...Bc6 19.Ng3∓)*]

17.Nxb6+∓ axb6 18.Qc4 b5 19.Qe2 Rd7 White is weak on the light squares

20.a4 -0.66/20 **bxa4**

(Diagram)



21.b3 Bxe4 0.23/20

[21...axb3? perishes. 22.Ra8+ Kc7 23.Rxh8+-]

[Better is 21...Qe6∓ -0.68/19 22.bxa4 Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Kb8]

22.Qxe4= Qe6 23.Qxa4 0.16/22

[23.Rxa4± 0.64/20 was preferrable. Rhd8 24.Ra8+ Kc7 25.Rxd8 Kxd8 26.Qc2]

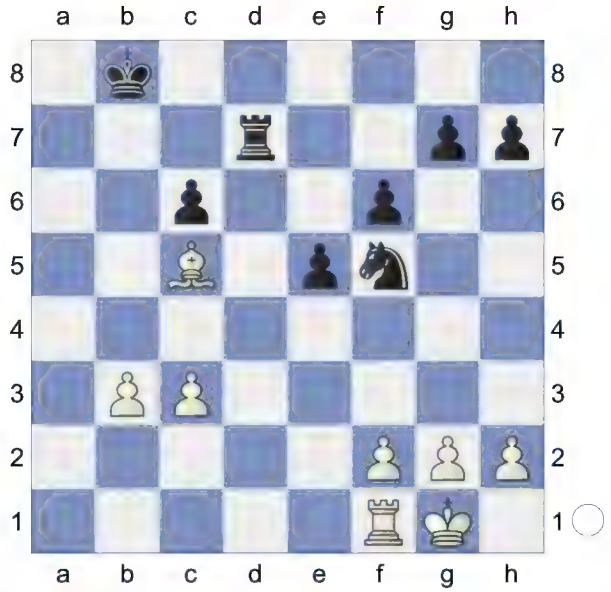
23...Rhd8 24.Ba3 Qc6 Against Bc5

25.Qxc6+ bxc6

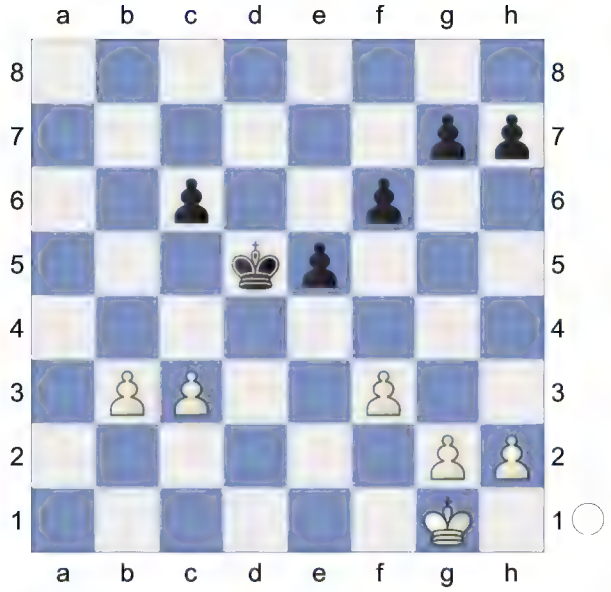
26.Bc5 Kb7 0.61/20 Inhibits Bb6.

[26...Rd3= 0.16/20]

27.Ra7+ Kb8 28.Ra6 Kb7 29.Ra7+ Kb8 30.Rxd7 Rxd7±



Endgame. KRB-KRN **31.Rc1 Nd6 32.Rd1 Kc7 33.Bxd6+ Rxd6 34.Rxd6 Kxd6=** KP-KP **35.f3 Kd5**



36.Kf2 e4 37.Ke3 exf3 38.Kxf3 Ke5 39.Ke3 f5 40.b4 Kd5

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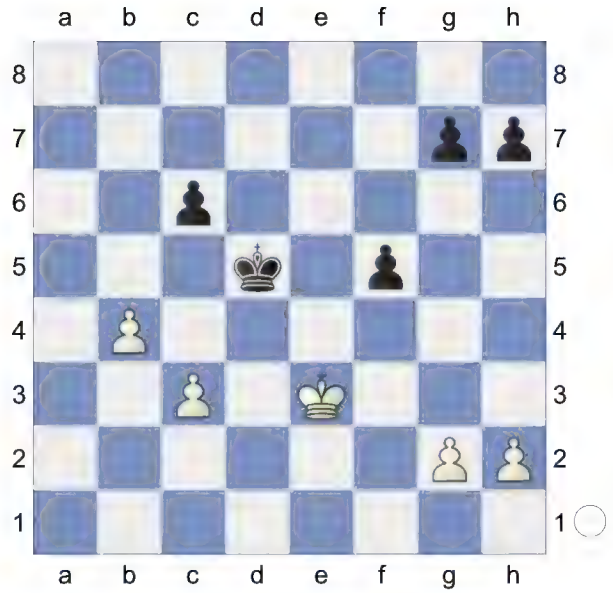


...Kc4 is the strong threat. **41.Kd3 f4?** 7.39/25

[41...g5= 0.27/21]

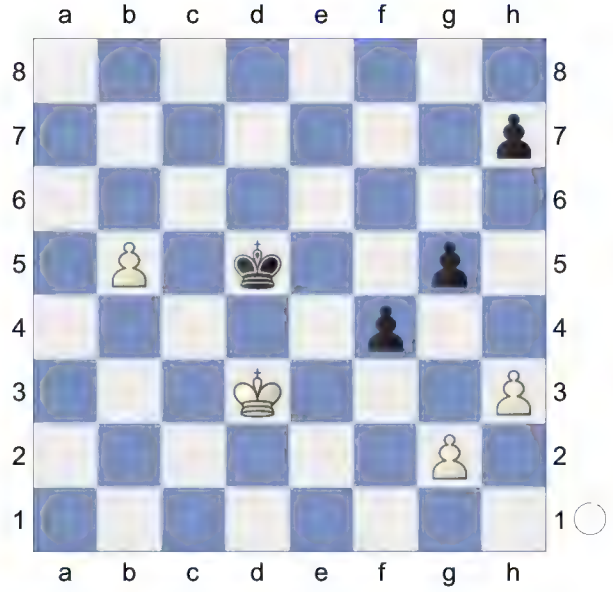
42.c4++- Ke5 43.b5? 0.01/24

[43.h4+- 6.24/24 Kf5 44.Kd4 *(44.b5 Ke6+-)*]

43...cxb5= 44.cxb5 K3P-K3P **44...g5?** 18.94/29

[44...Kd5= 0.00/24]

45.h3 Kd5



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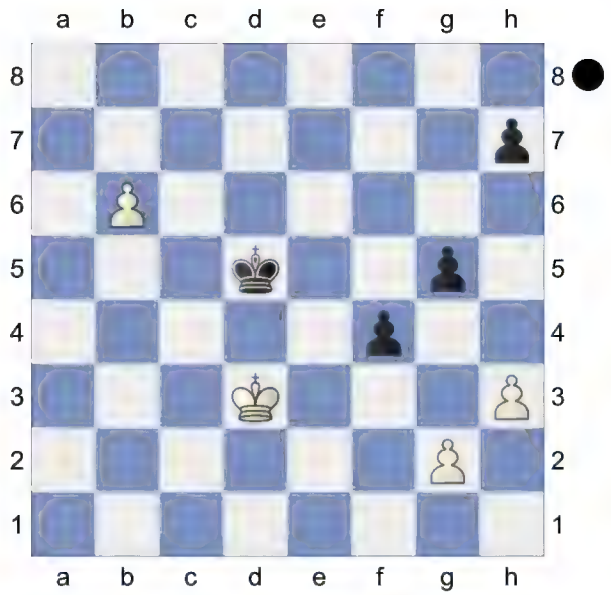
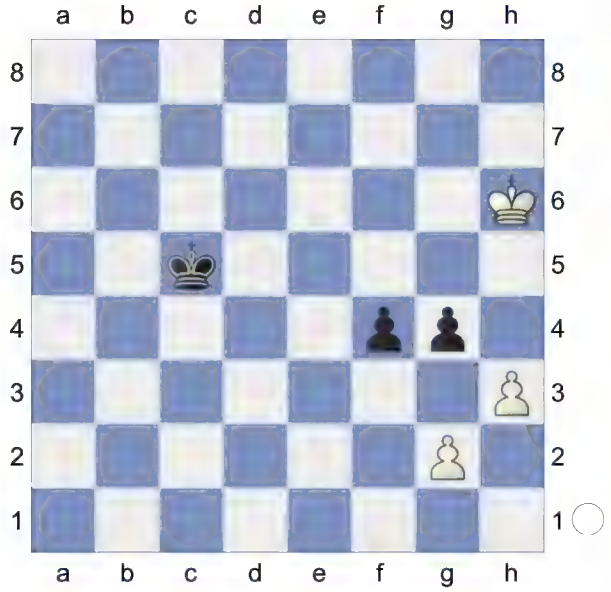


aiming for b7. **46...Kc6 47.Ke4 Kxb6+-** K3P-KPP **48.Kf5** White mates. **48...h6 49.Kg6 Kc5 50.Kxh6 g4**



51.hxg4 Kd4 52.g5 Ke3 53.g6

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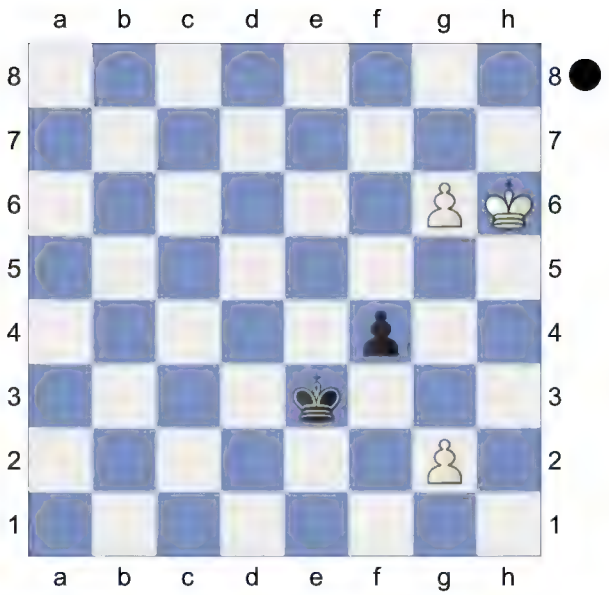

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.24 (precise)

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41 **C57**
□ **Schmidt,Bruno**
■ **Ballbe Anglada,Francisco**
US Open-59 Rochester (7) 10.08.1958
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
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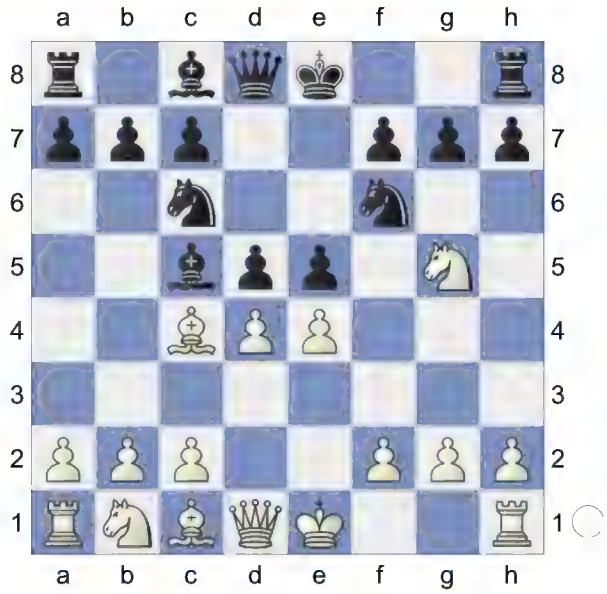
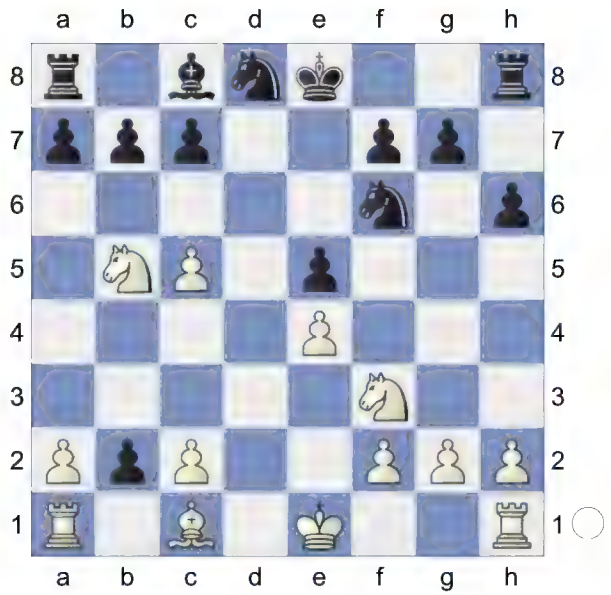
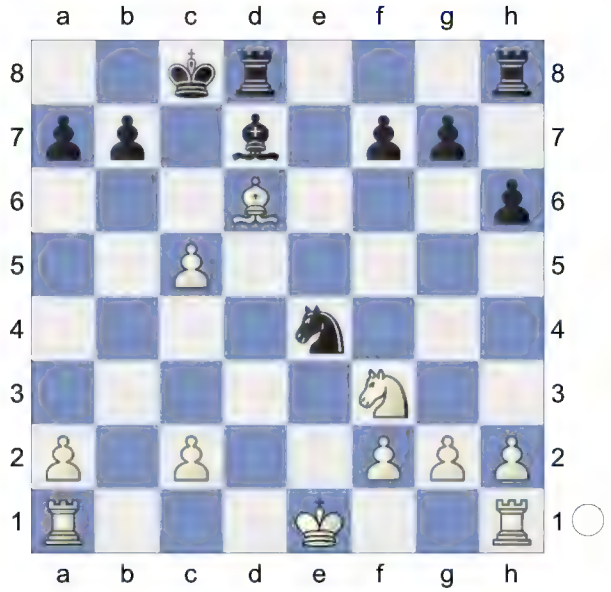


6.dxc5
[6.Bxd5 feels hotter. Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3]
6...dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Na3 The position is equal. **8...h6** Wards off f4 **9.Nf3 c3 10.Nb5 cxb2**

(Diagram)

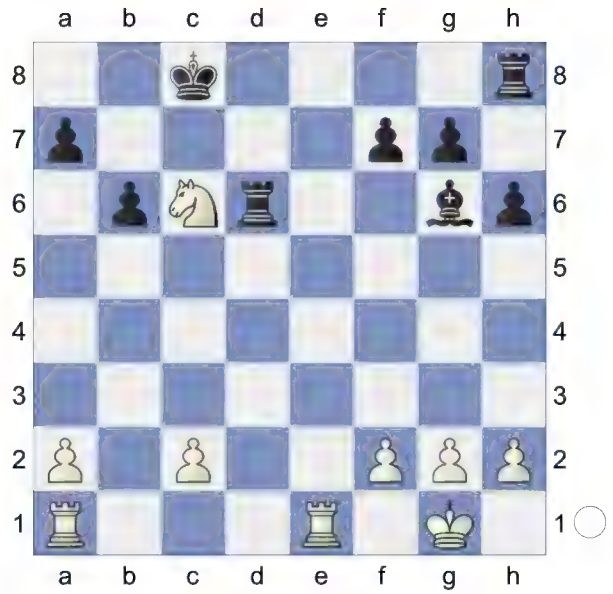


11.Bxb2 Ne6 12.Bxe5 Bd7 0.50/20
[12...Nxe4= 0.01/22 13.Nfd4 0-0]
13.Nxc7+± Nxc7 14.Bxc7 Nxe4 15.Bd6 0.04/21
[15.0-0-0± 0.62/21 Nxc5 16.Rhe1+ Ne6 17.Ne5]
15...0-0-0=

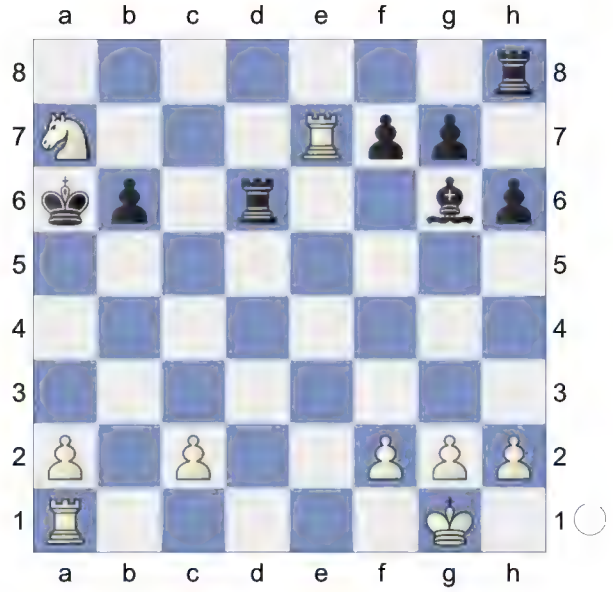


White is weak on the light squares
16.0-0 b6 0.41/21
[16...Ba4= -0.01/19]
17.Rfe1 Bf5 0.90/22
[17...Nxd6= 0.17/20 remains equal. 18.cxd6 Rhe8]

18.Nd4 Nxd6 19.cxd6 Bg6 20.Nc6 Rxd6

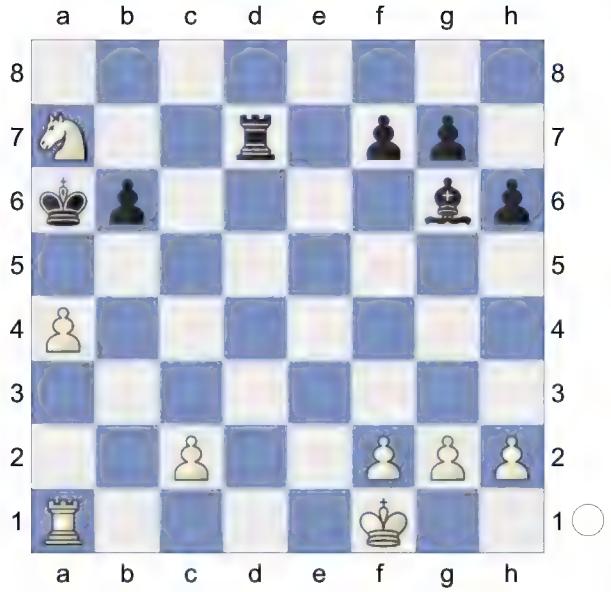


21.Nxa7+ Kb7 22.Re7+ Ka6

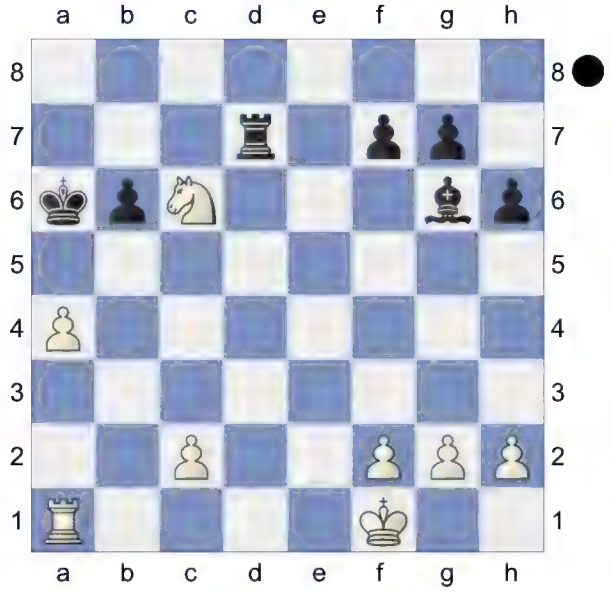


White must now prevent ...Ra8! **23.a4** -0.32/23
[23.c4!± 0.42/22 Rhd8 24.h3]
23...Rhd8!↑ Strongly threatening ...Rd1+. White is under pressure. **24.Kf1** -0.83/21
[24.h3∓ -0.37/23]
24...R6d7∓
[24...Bxc2 25.Ra3 *(25.Rxf7? Bd3+ 26.Kg1 Bc4-+)* 25...R6d7 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Nc6 Rd1+ 28.Ke2]

25.Rxd7 Rxd7



Endgame. KRB-KRN **26.Nc6**

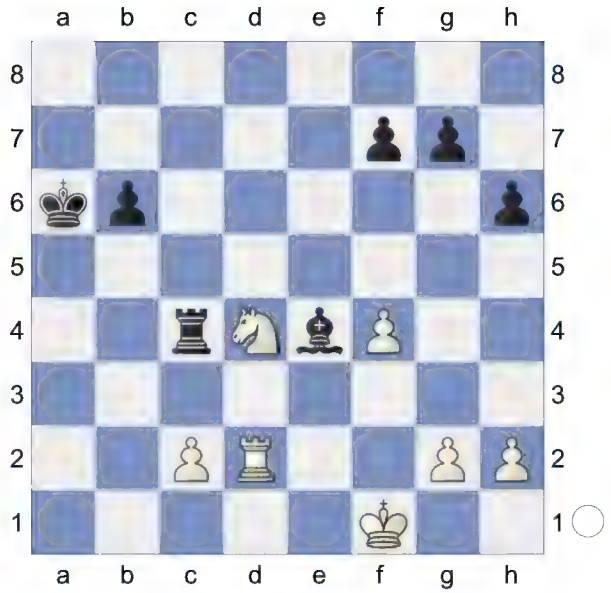


Hoping for Nb8+. **26...Rc7! 27.Nd4 Rc4 28.Rd1 Rxa4**

[28...Bxc2 29.Nxc2 Rxc2 30.Rd7=]

29.Rd2 Rc4 30.f4 Be4

(Diagram)



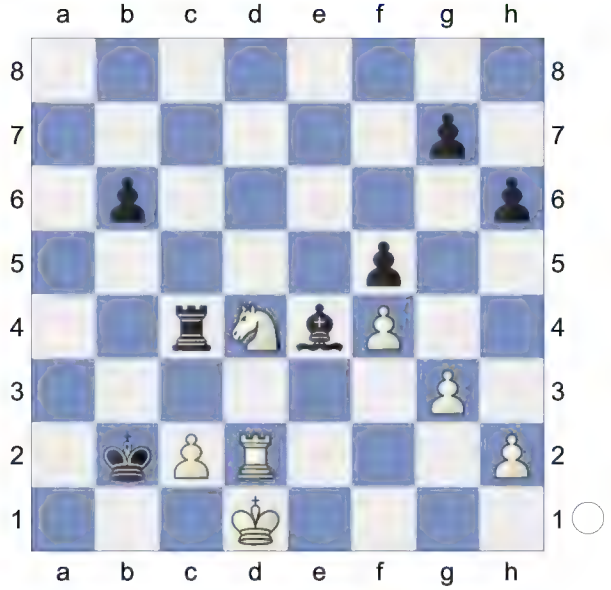
31.g3 Ka5 32.Ke1 Kb4 33.Kd1 Kc3 0.01/24

[33...b5∓ -0.52/21]

34.Nb5+= Kb2 35.Nd4 -1.32/23

[35.c3+= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. Kb3 36.Rd6]

35...f5



36.Ke2 g6 37.Kd1 h5 -1.48/27

[⌓37...Rc5 -1.04/24]

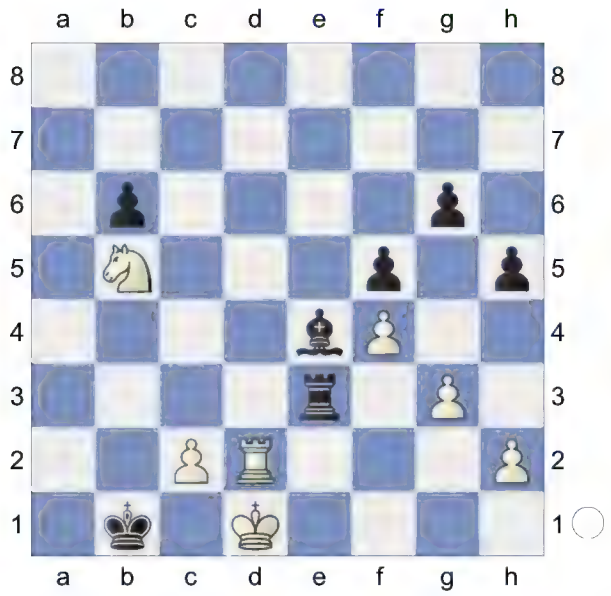
38.Ke2 Rc3 Black is more active.

39.Kd1 Kb1 0.01/24

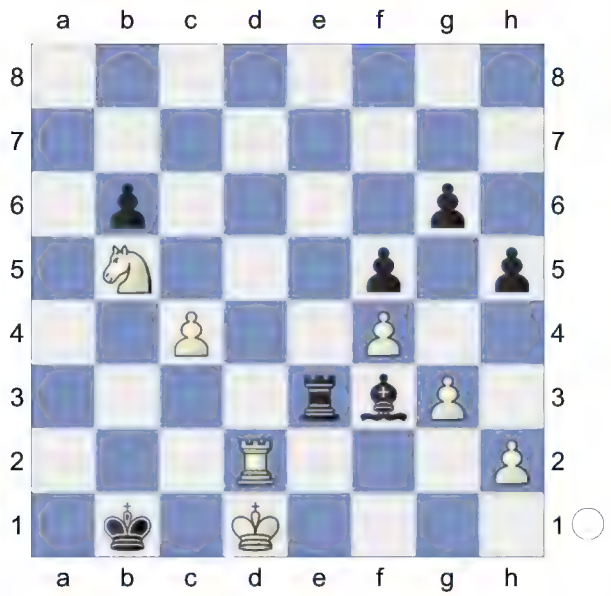
[Better is 39...Re3∓ -1.08/23]

40.Nb5! Re3 0.45/25

[40...Rxc2? is the wrong capture. 41.Na3+ Kb2 42.Nxc2+-]
[40...Bxc2+? perishes. 41.Rxc2 Rd3+ 42.Rd2+-]
[40...Rc6= 0.01/22]



41.c4? -12.52/25
[41.Rd6± 0.45/25 Bxc2+ 42.Kd2]
41...Bf3+



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42 **C57**

□ **Porreca,Giorgio**

■ **Bisguier,Arthur Bernard**

Zagreb Masters (Glavni) (15) 19.11.1955

[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 Bxd4? 1.52/21

[5...d5= -0.13/20 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Nde7]

6.c3 0.76/17

[6.Bxf7+?! Ke7 7.Bb3 Rf8=]

[⚠6.Nxf7 1.52/21 Qe7 7.Nxh8]

6...Bb6 7.Nxf7 Qe7 Hoping for ...d5!

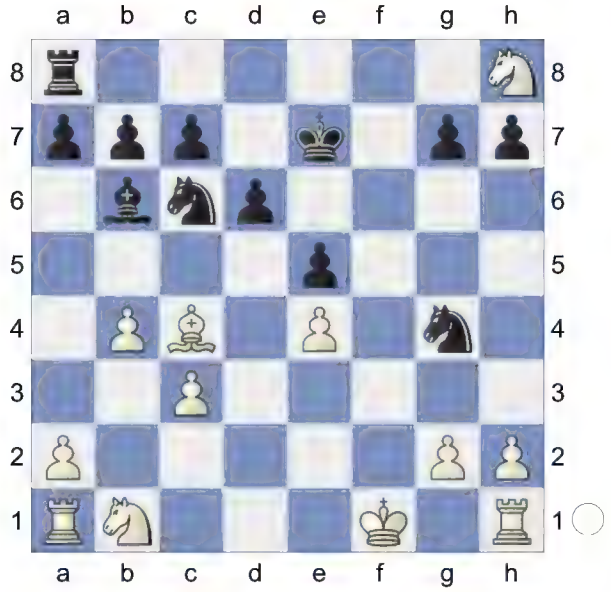
8.Nxh8 White is better. **8...Bxf2+ 9.Kf1** Black must now prevent Bf7+.

[9.Kxf2 feels hotter. Qc5+ 10.Be3 Qxc4 11.Re1]

9...Bb6! 10.b4 d6

(Diagram)

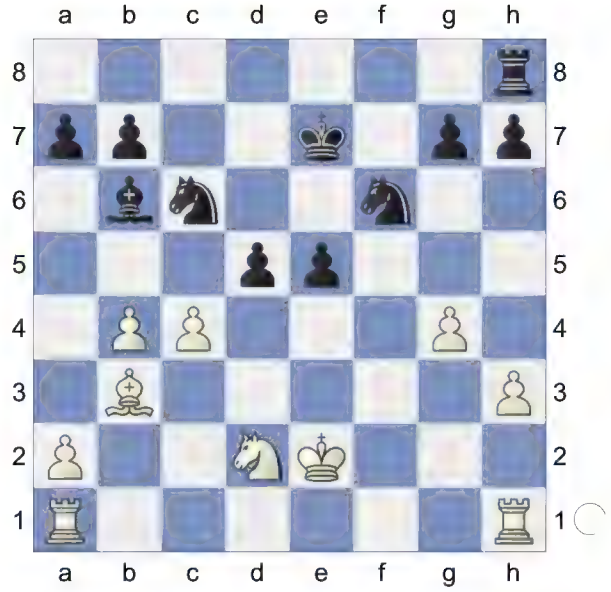
11.Bg5 Bg4 0.48/21
[11...Be6= 0.08/20 12.Nd2 0-0-0]
12.Qxg4± Nxg4 13.Bxe7 Kxe7



14.Ke2 Dodges Ne3. Rf1! is the strong threat. **14...Rxh8 15.Nd2 Nd8**

(Diagram)

16.h3 Nf6
[16...Ne3 17.g3±]
17.g4 Prevents Nh5. **17...c6 18.Bb3 d5 19.exd5 cxd5 20.c4 Nc6**



21.cxd5 Nxb4

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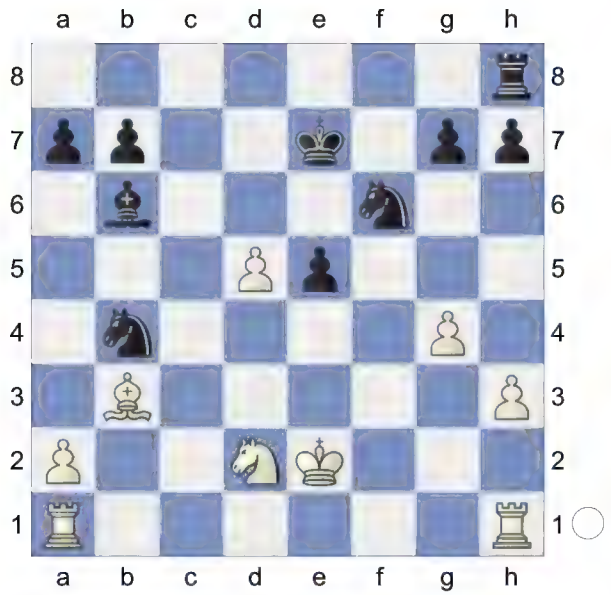


22.d6+! Decoy **22...Kxd6 23.Nc4+ Kc7 24.Nxb6!**

[24.Nxe5? Re8 25.Rhe1 Rxe5+-+]

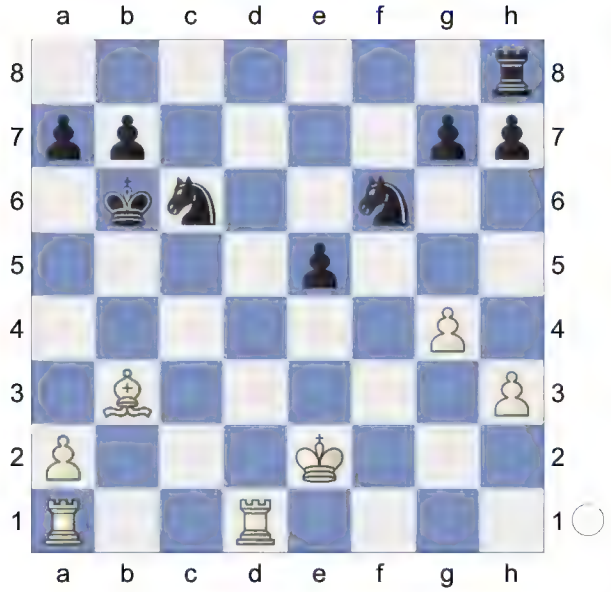
24...Kxb6 1.01/20

[24...axb6± 0.40/21 25.Raf1 Kb8]

25.Rhd1 0.63/19

[25.Rhc1± 1.01/20]

25...Nc6



26.g5 White has strong compensation. **26...Ne4 27.Rd7** Threatens to win with Ke3. **27...Nd4+ 28.Ke1 Rf8** And now ...Rf2 would win. **29.Rb1?** -1.89/22

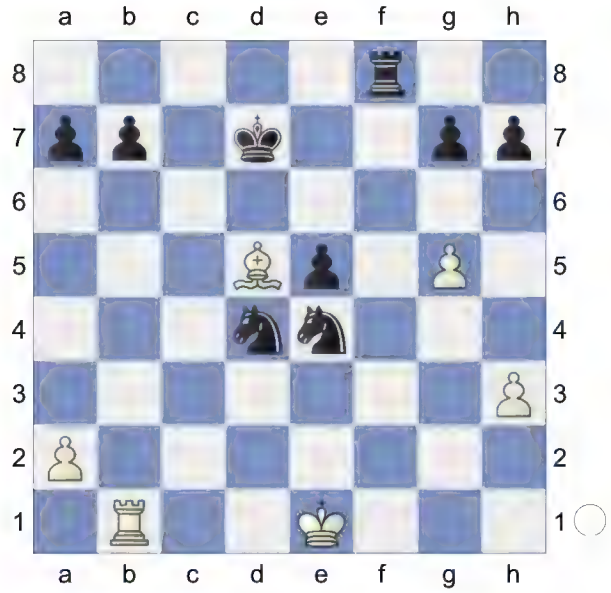
[29.Rxg7= 0.01/20 Rf2 30.Bd1 *(30.Rxh7 Re2+ 31.Kd1 Rd2+ 32.Ke1 Nf3+ 33.Kf1 Ng3#)*]

29...Kc6? 0.01/21

[29...Nxg5 30.Bd5+ *(30.Rxg7 Kc5±)* 30...Ka5 31.Rbxb7+- *(31.Rxg7 Ndf3+ 32.Ke2 Nd4+ 33.Kd3 Nxh3±)*]

[Black should try 29...Nf3+-+ -1.89/22 30.Kd1 Nc3+ *(30...Nexg5? 31.Bd5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kc5 32.Rc1+ Kd4 33.Bxf3+ Ke3 34.Rc3+ Kf4 35.Bxb7+-)* 31.Kc2 Nxb1 32.Kxb1 Nxg5 33.Rxg7 h6 *(33...Nxh3 34.Rxh7 Rf1+ 35.Kc2∓)*]

30.Bd5+ Kxd7



31.Rxb7+ Kd6 32.Bxe4∓ Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...Rf4 33.Bxh7 e4** 0.01/20

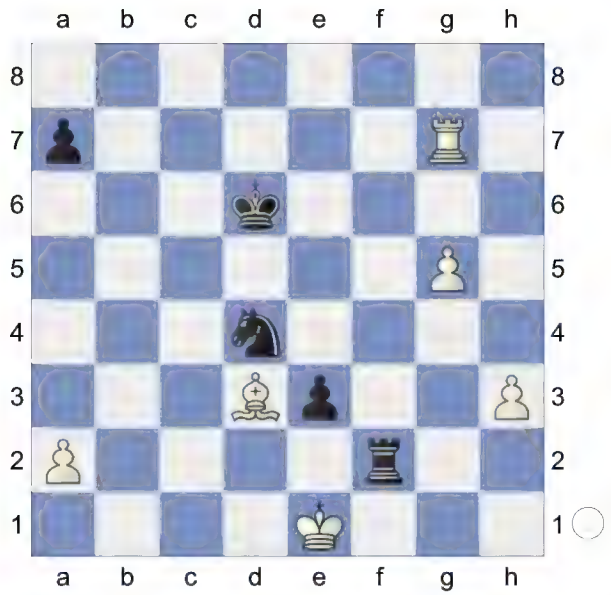
[33...Nf3+∓ -0.36/19 is more appropriate. 34.Ke2 Nxg5 35.Rxg7 Nxh7 36.Rxh7 Ra4]

34.Rxg7= e3 35.Bd3? -1.79/21

[35.Rxa7 Rf2 36.Be4 Re2+ 37.Kf1 Rd2∓]

[35.Rg6+= 0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry. Ke7 36.Rg7+ Ke6 37.Rxa7]

35...Rf2-+



36.Rg6+? -4.99/26

[36.Rg8 -1.91/24 was the crucial defense. Rxa2 *(36...Nf3+ 37.Kd1∓)* 37.Kf1 *(37.Rd8+? Kc5-+)*]

36...Ke5 Black is clearly winning. **37.Ba6** -11.41/23

[⌓37.Rf6 -5.14/22 Nf3+ *(37...Rxa2 38.Kf1∓)* 38.Kd1 Rd2+ *(38...Nxg5 39.Rxf2 exf2 40.Ke2=)* 39.Kc1 Rxd3 *(39...Nxg5? 40.Rf5+ Kd4 41.Bc2∓)* 40.Rxf3]

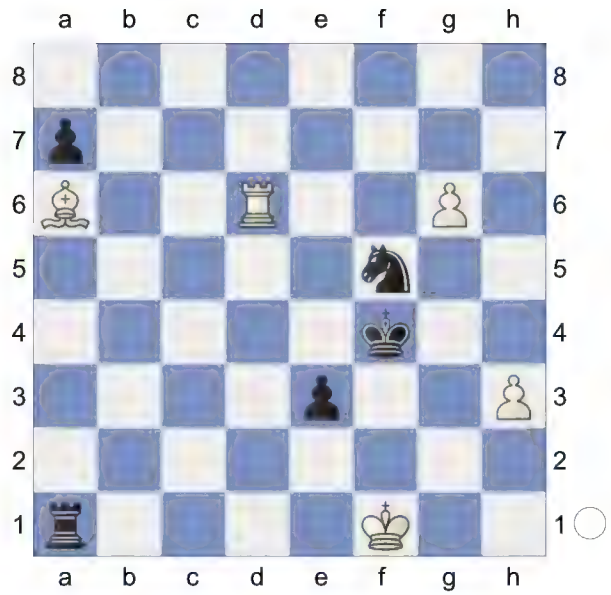
37...Rxa2 38.Kf1 Kf4 (-> ...Kg3)

39.Rd6 Nf5

[Weaker is 39...Kxg5 40.Rxd4 Rxa6 41.Rg4+ Kf5 42.Ke2=]

40.g6 Ra1+

(Diagram)



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43 **C57**
□ **O'Kearney,Sean**
■ **Wastel,Hans Juergen**
ICCF-Cup8/9 V154 corr 1990
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

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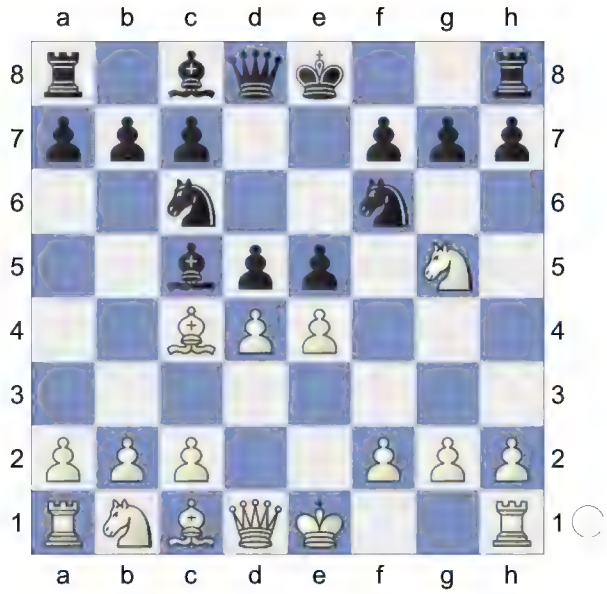
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!



6.dxc5

[6.Bxd5 is interesting. Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3]

6...dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.0-0 -0.38/18

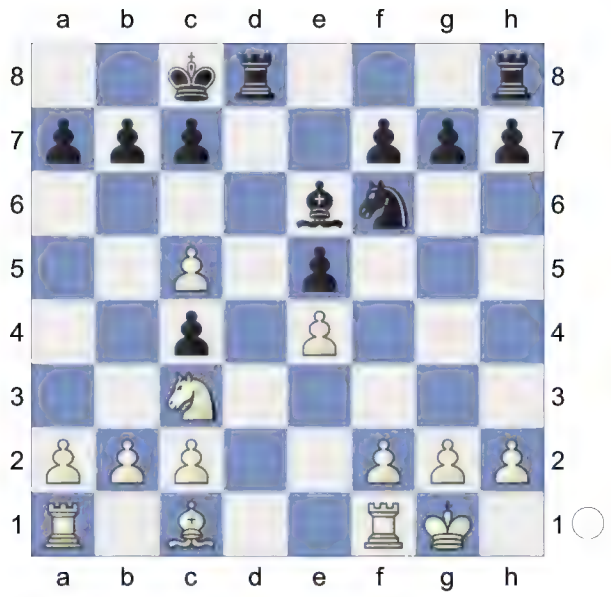
[8.Nc3= 0.02/19]

8...Ne6 0.22/20

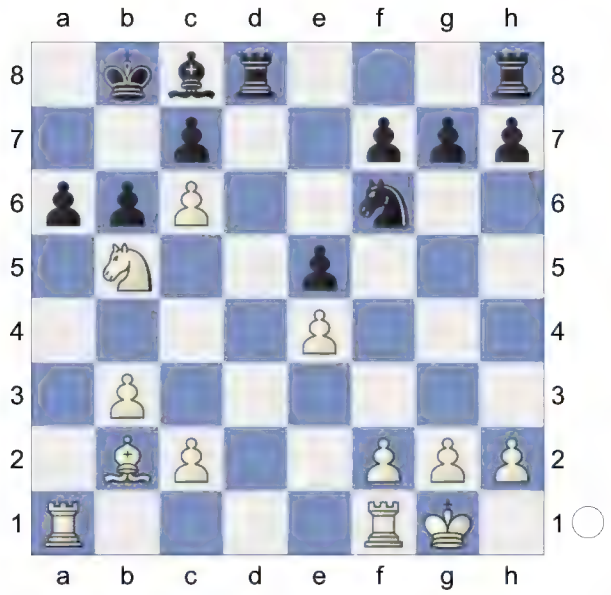
[8...h6∓ -0.38/18 9.Nf3 Nc6]

9.Nxe6= Bxe6 10.Nc3 0-0-0

(Diagram)



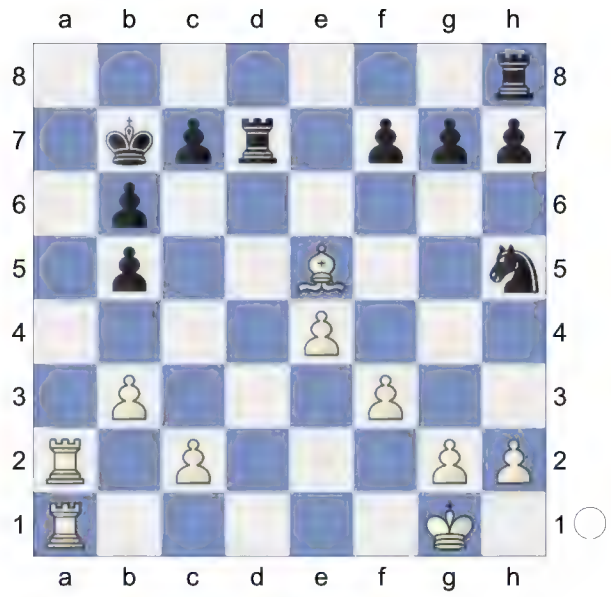
11.b4 cxb3 12.axb3 Kb8 13.c6 b6 14.Bb2 Bc8 15.Nb5 a6



16.Bxe5! axb5 17.Ra2 Black must now prevent Rfa1. **17...Bd7 18.cxd7→** White attacks. **18...Rxd7 19.Rfa1 Kb7 20.f3 Nh5** 0.91/21

[20...Rhd8± 0.50/20]

(Diagram)



21.c4 0.21/23

[21.Ra7+± 0.91/21 Kc6 22.g4]

21...bxc4 22.Ra7+ Kc6 Hoping for ...f6.

23.Rc1

[23.bxc4 f6 24.Bc3 Nf4∓]

23...b5 24.bxc4 Kb6 1.38/23

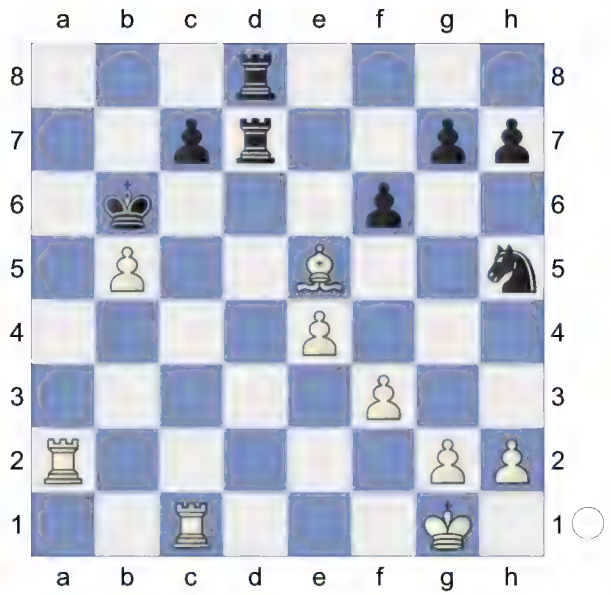
[24...b4!= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. 25.Ra6+ Kc5]

25.Ra2± Strongly threatening c5+. White is much more active.

[25.Rxc7? Rxc7 26.Bxc7+ Kxc7-+]

25...Rhd8

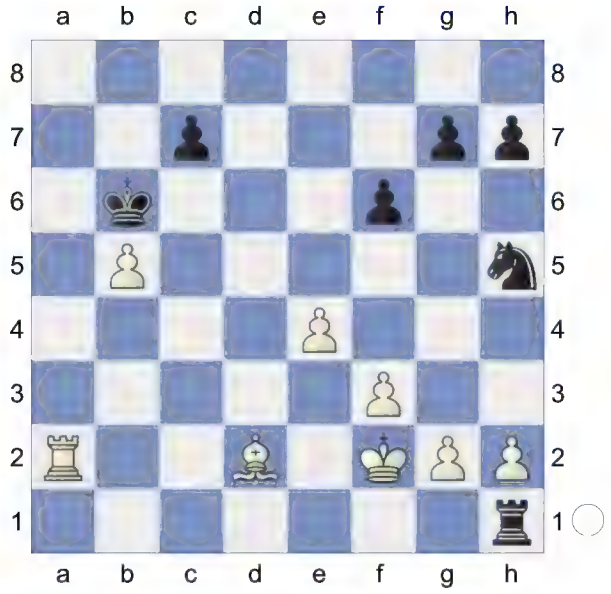
26.cxb5 f6



And now ...Rd1+ would win. **27.Bc3! Rd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rxd1+** Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Kf2 Rc1?** 4.43/25 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[29...Kc5± 1.52/19 keeps fighting. 30.Ba5 Rd7]

30.Bd2+- Rh1

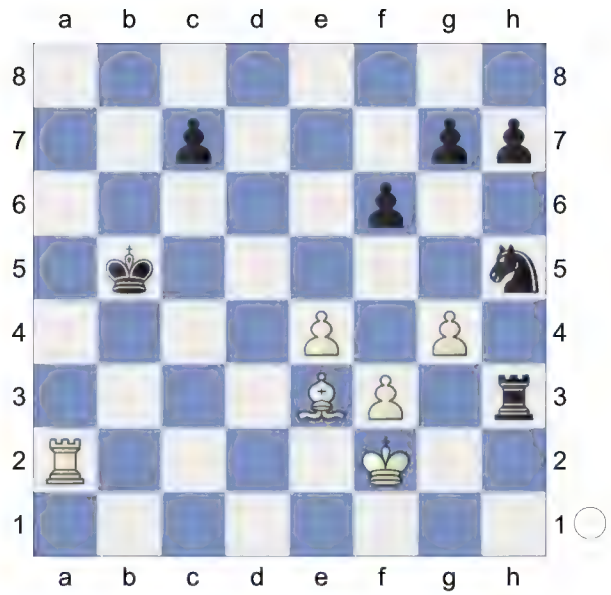


31.g4 Rxh2+ 32.Kg1 Rh3 33.Kg2

[33.gxh5 Rxf3 34.Rc2 Rd3+-]

33...Rg3+ 34.Kf2 Rh3 35.Be3+ Kxb5

(Diagram)



...Rh2+ would now be deadly. **36.Rd2** Rd5+ is the strong threat.

[36.gxh5? loses. Rh2+ 37.Kg3 Rxa2-+]

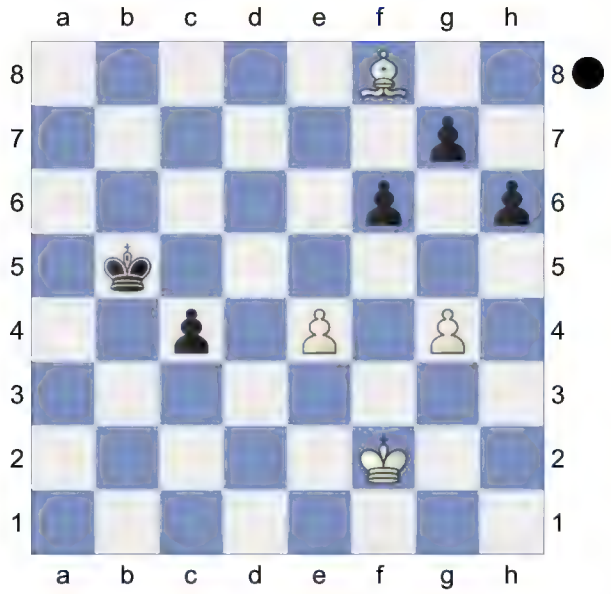
[Resist 36.Rb2+ Kc6 37.Rb3 *(37.gxh5?* is the wrong capture. *Rh2+* Skewer *38.Kg3 Rxb2-+)* 37...Rh2+ *(37...Ng3? 38.Kg2+-)* 38.Kg1 Rh4+-]

36...Rh2+ 37.Kg1 Rxd2 38.Bxd2 KB-KN **38...Ng3 39.Kf2** Prevents Ne2. **39...Nxe4+ 40.fxe4 h6** 5.38/25

[40...Kc6 3.58/23 is a better defense. 41.g5 fxg5 42.Bxg5 Kd7]

(Diagram)

41.Bf4 c5? 8.50/25
[41...Kb6 3.65/24 42.Bc1 Kb5]
42.Bd6 c4 43.Bf8



Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

44 **C57**

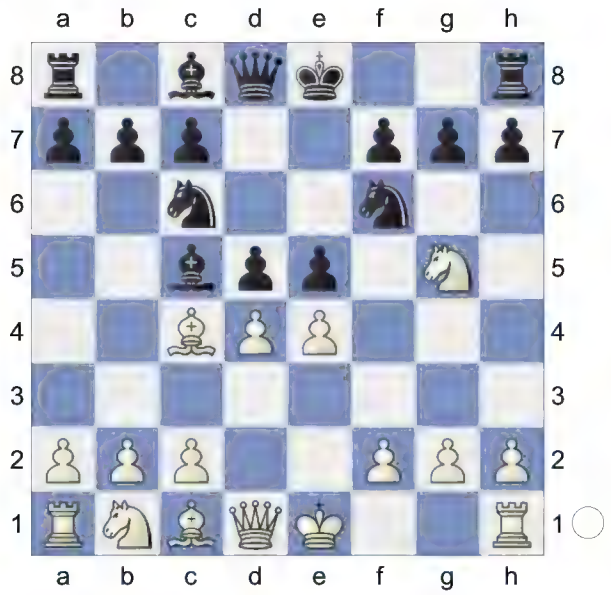
□ **Vechkanov,Vyacheslav**

■ **Novoyavshev,Stepan**

Borisoglebsk Bocharov Memorial (8)

[Quintiliano, Renato]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5?! 5.d4!? d5!



The best reaction, Black also takes his chance to strike in the centre.

6.Bxd5

[6.exd5? Nxd4 and]

[6.dxc5 dxc4 are harmless for Black.]

6...Nxd4!

[6...Nxd5? 7.dxc5! Black has not enough compensation for the pawn here. Ndb4 8.a3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 10.b4± 1-0 Karpatchev,A (2460)-Gozzoli,Y (2502) Saint Affrique op 16th 2008 (9)]

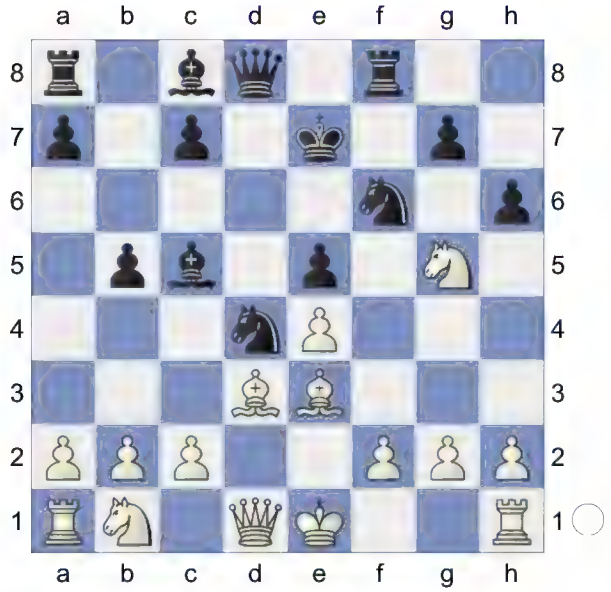
7.Bxf7+ Whether White should take with the bishop or the knight on f7 is always a question in this variation. In this case, the text seems the safest option.

[7.Nxf7? seems a risky choice for White now, since after Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bg4! Black's initiative is coming too fast, and although the engine keeps showing its ironic 0.00, I think White's moves are already harder to find, as he needs to show precise calculation, while all that Black needs to do is to keep as many threats as possible 9.Bf7+! An important insertion, preventing Black from ...0-0-0. *(9.f3?* exposes too many squares on the kingside and is already losing: *Nxd5 10.fxg4 Qh4+ 11.g3 Qh3* White can't prevent the invasion on g2. *12.c3 Qg2! 13.cxd4 Nb4! 14.Na3 Qxh1+ 15.Kd2 Qxe4-+; 9.Qd3? Nxd5 10.exd5 Bf5-+; 9.Qd2 0-0-0 10.0-0 c6* White faces a difficult position, he tried *11.Nf7?* 0-1 Deczki,J-Nagy,N Debrecen DEAC op 2001 (8.10) when Black could win in a beautiful way now: *11...cxd5! 12.Nxd8 Nxe4 13.Qd3 Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Bxf2!* White has too many threats to deal with. *15.g3 Qf6 16.Kg2 Nxc1 17.Rxc1 Qh6!-+)* 9...Kf8 *(9...Kd7? 10.Qd3! Rxh8 11.c3* Black has problems with the pinned knight. *Be2 12.Qg3 Nc2+ 13.Kxe2 Nxa1 14.Bc4+-)* 10.Qd3 Be2! The likely result should be a repetition now, as Black keeps harassing the queen. 11.Qh3 *(11.Qg3? Nxe4 12.Qh3 Qf6 13.Be3 Nxc2+! 14.Kxe2 Qa6+ 15.Kd1 Nxe3+ 16.Kc1 Nxf2-+)* 11...Bg4 12.Qd3 *(12.Ng6+? hxg6 13.Qh8+ Kxf7 14.Qxa8* This is clearly a bad idea, as the White king is abandoned under a unstoppable mating attack. *Nxc2+ 15.Kf1 Qd6! 16.Nc3 Qd4 17.Be3 Nxe3+ 18.Kg1 Nd1! 19.Nxd1 Bxd1-+)* 12...Be2=]

7...Ke7 **8.Bc4** White has won a pawn

and the Black's king is still in centre. Nevertheless, the second player counts on his easier development and some threats to keep White too busy to consolidate the advantage. **8...b5! 9.Bd3 Rf8** Black aims to develop his pieces as soon as possible, but White has no weaknesses and should be able to organise his forces as well.

10.Be3! h6



11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.h3

[13.Bxd4 was safe and sound: Bxd4 14.0-0! Bxb2 15.Rb1 Bc3 16.Rxb5! At first sight, it may look as if Bxd2 17.Qxd2 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nh5 gives better chances for Black, but after 19.Qc3! White still keeps a big advantage.]

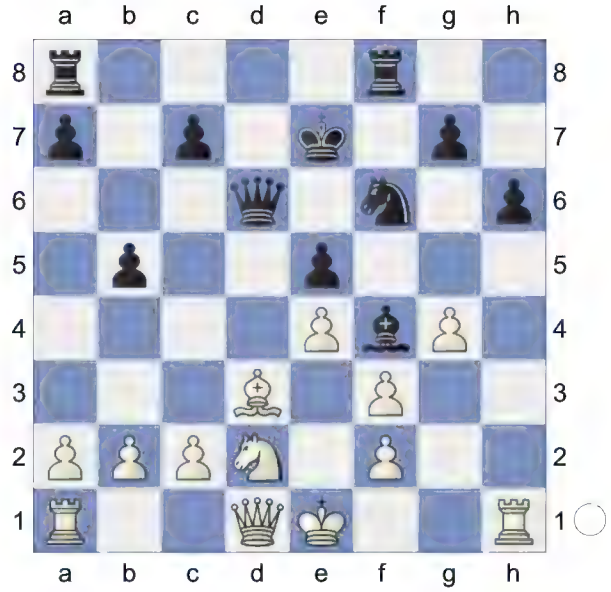
13...Nxf3+ 14.gxf3

[14.Nxf3 was also possible, maybe White was worried about Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nd5!? , but this is not dangerous for him: 16.Qg3 Bb4+ 17.Ke2 Nf4+ *(17...Nxe3 18.fxe3±)* 18.Kf1 Bc5 *(18...Nxd3? 19.cxd3 Qxd3+ 20.Kg1 Qxe4 21.Qxg7+ Rf7 22.Qg4! Qxg4 23.hxg4±)* 19.Kg1! and the king will find a safe place on h2.]

14...Bxe3 15.hxg4? But this is too optmistic.

[15.fxe3! was safer and more solid, after Be6 16.Qe2 White manages to complete his development with success, for example a6 17.0-0-0 Bxa2!? 18.Rhg1 g5 19.f4!→]

15...Bf4⩲



The play on the dark squares already seems nice compensation for Black.

16.Bxb5? And after another careless move, White's position is already very difficult.

[⩲16.Qe2 was the last chance to secure the king, although Black is fine after the nice idea Nh7! 17.0-0-0 Ng5 18.Kb1 Bxd2 19.Rxd2 Nxf3 20.Rdd1 a6∓ 21.Bxb5? Nd4!-+]

16...Qb6! 17.Bd3

[17.Qe2 doesn't solve the problem anymore: Bxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Rad8+ 19.Ke1 *(19.Kc1 Rb8)* 19...Nh7! and White's task is very unpleasant, as Black pieces are becoming too active]

17...Nxg4! A precise shot, Black is winning.

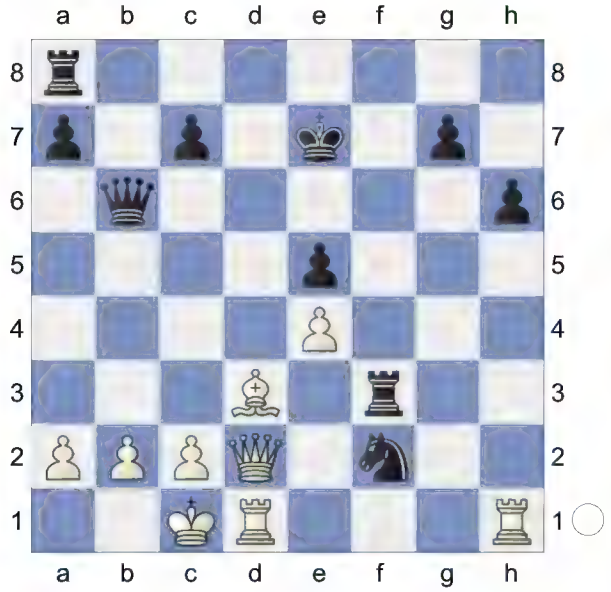
18.Qe2

[18.fxg4 Bg3! Maybe White was counting on 19.0-0 but Rxf2-+ wins anyway.]

18...Bxd2+ 19.Qxd2

[19.Kxd2 Nxf2 20.Rhb1 *(20.Rhf1 Nxd3 21.cxd3 Qxb2+)* 20...Rad8+- seems desperate for White.]

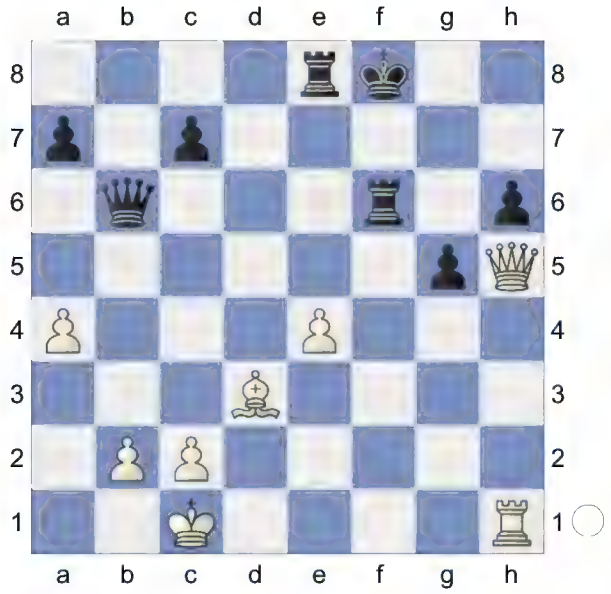
19...Rxf3 20.0-0-0 Nxf2-+



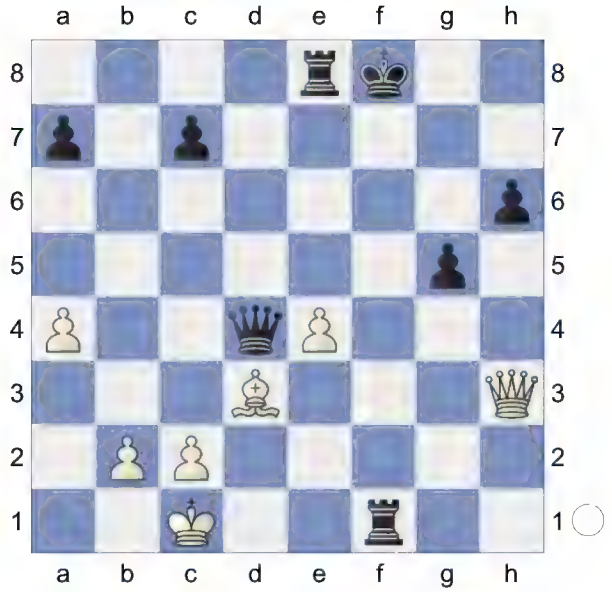
21.Qc3

[⍝21.Rhf1 Rd8-+]

21...Nxh1 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 24.Qh5 Rf6 25.a4 g5



26.Qh3 Qd4 27.Rf1 Rxf1+



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45 **C57**
□ **Vasilyev,A**
■ **Tselousov,Viktor Andreevich**
WT/M/GT/126 year? 1975
[Kitty Kat]

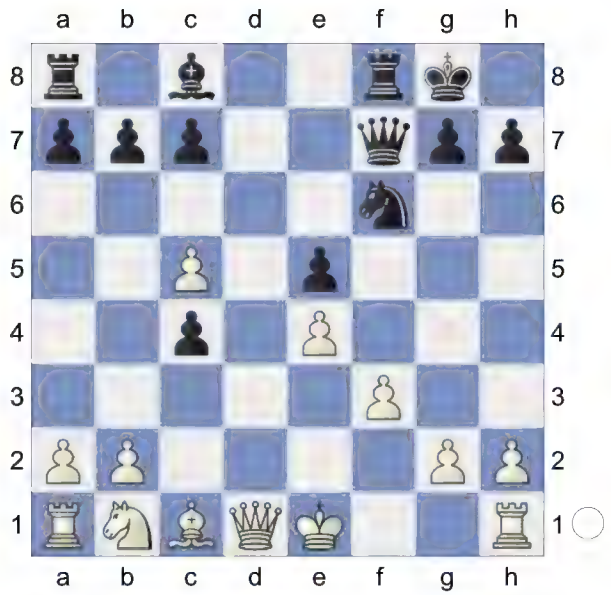
C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 Nxd4 0.49/20
[5...d5= 0.09/21 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Nde7]

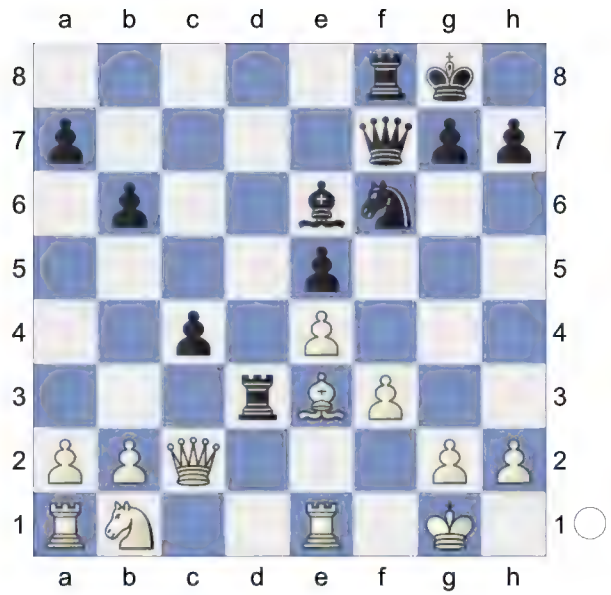
6.Nxf7± Qe7 7.c3 0.19/18
[7.Nxh8± 0.65/20 was preferrable. d5 8.Be2 *(8.Bxd5 Bg4=)*]
7...d5 8.cxd4 White is slightly better.
8...Qxf7 9.dxc5 dxc4
[9...Nxe4 is interesting. 10.f3 dxc4 11.fxe4 0-0]
10.f3 0-0

(Diagram)



11.0-0 Be6 12.Be3 -0.22/19
[⌓12.Na3 0.15/18]
12...Rad8= 13.Qc2 -0.60/21 White is weak on the light squares
[13.Qe1= -0.21/18 deserves consideration.]
13...Rd3
[13...Ng4 is more complex. 14.Bd2 Rd3 15.h3 Nf6]
14.Re1 b5 0.01/21
[14...Ng4∓ -0.50/21 15.Bc1 *(15.fxg4? Rxe3 16.Nc3 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Qe7∓)* 15...Qd7 16.fxg4 Qd4+ 17.Kh1 Qxe4 Back Rank *(17...Qxc5 18.Bd2±; 17...Rf2 18.Nd2±)*]
15.cxb6 cxb6

(Diagram)

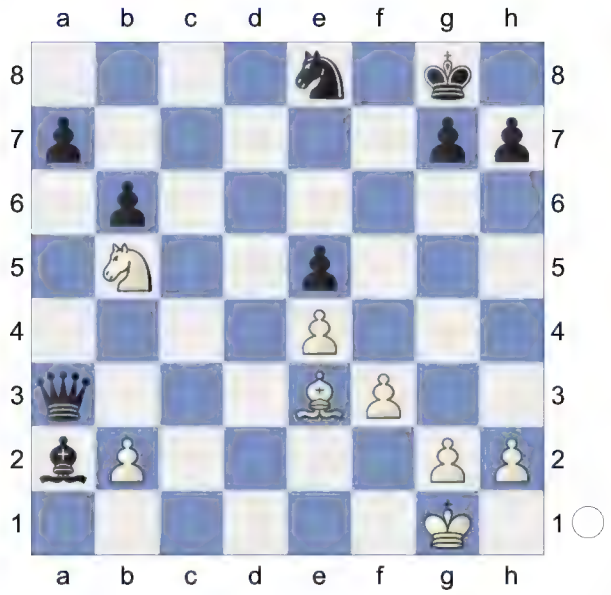


16.Na3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Qd7 18.Rxd3 cxd3 19.Qb1 d2 0.78/22
[19...Rd8= -0.01/21]
20.Rd1± Rc1 1.18/23

21.Rxc1 dxc1Q+ 0.75/22
[⌓21...dxc1B 1.20/22 22.Qxc1 Qd3]
22.Qxc1 Bxa2

(Diagram)

23.Qc3! Qe7 24.Nb5 Ne8 25.Qa3 White is more active. **25...Qxa3**



26.bxa3 Endgame. KBN-KBN **26...a6 27.Nc3 Bc4 28.Bxb6 Kf7 29.Kf2 Ke6 30.Bc5 Nf6**

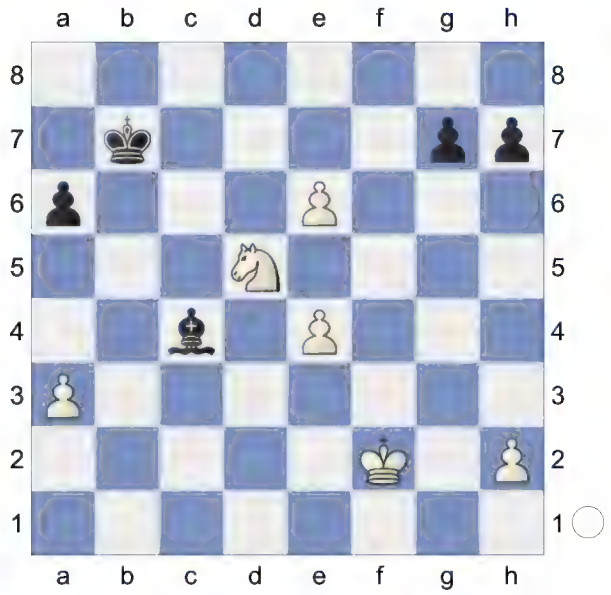
(Diagram)

31.Bf8 Kf7 32.Bd6 Ke6 33.Bc7 Nd7 34.g3 Nc5 35.f4 exf4

36.gxf4 Kd7 37.Bb6 Ne6 1.67/21
[37...Nd3+± 1.24/19 38.Ke3 Ne1]
38.f5 Kc6? 5.39/22
[38...Nf4± 1.55/20 is tougher. 39.Ke3 Ng2+ 40.Kd4 Bg8]

(Diagram)

39.fxe6+- White is clearly winning.
39...Kxb6 40.Nd5+ Kb7



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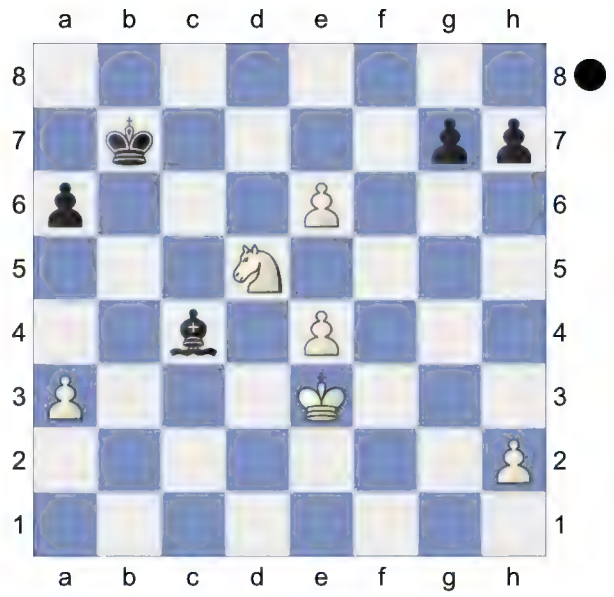

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46 **C57**
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■ **Nun,Josef**
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[INF 5/243]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

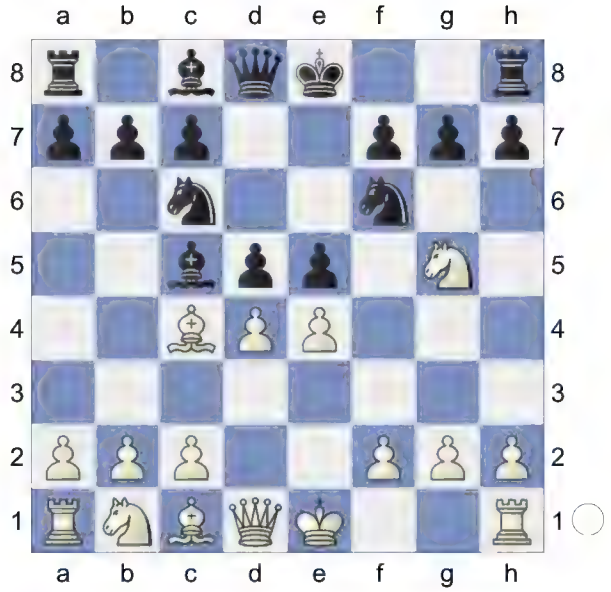
5/243 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N**

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*); 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!



6.Bxd5

[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]

6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 10.Be3 h6**

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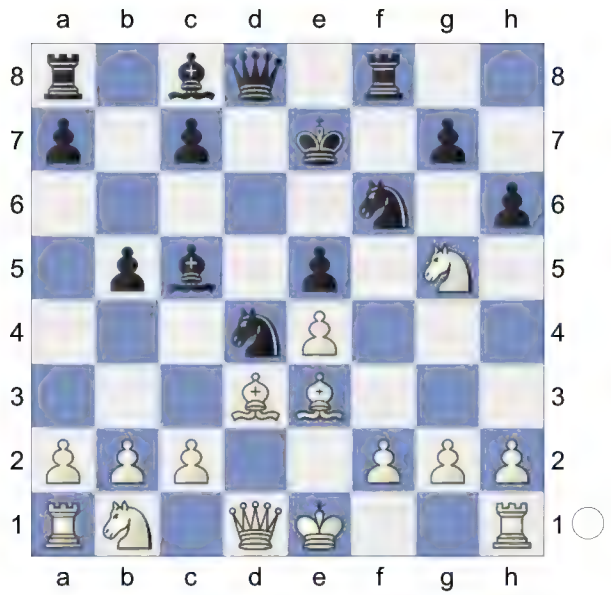
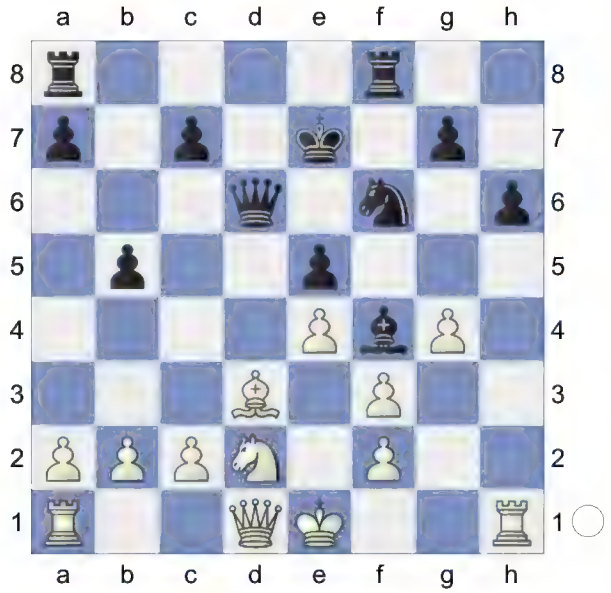


11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.h3 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxe3 15.hxg4

[15.fxg4? loses. Bxf2+ 16.Ke2 *(16.Kxf2? Nxe4+ 17.Ke1 Nf2-+)* 16...Qd4-+]

15...Bf4



16.Bxb5 0.01/22

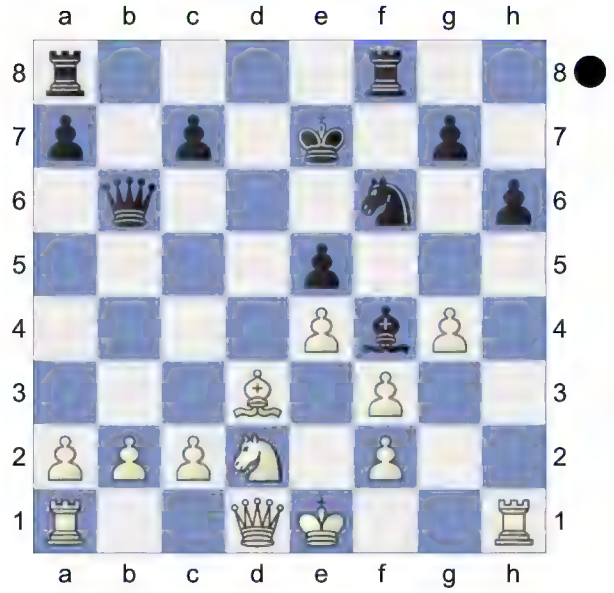
[16.Qe2± 0.68/19]

16...Qb6

[16...Qb4 is interesting. 17.a4 Nxe4 18.fxe4 Bxd2+ 19.Qxd2 Qxe4+ 20.Qe3 Qxh1+ 21.Ke2 Qxa1 22.Qxe5+ Kf7]

17.Bd3 -1.08/21

[17.Qe2= 0.10/20 keeps the balance.]



17...Nxg4!∓ Black has more active pieces. White is weak on the dark squares **18.Qe2**

[18.fxg4? perishes. Bg3 19.Qe2 *(19.fxg3? Qf2#)* 19...Rxf2-+ *(19...Bxf2+?* too greedy. *20.Kd1+-)*]

[18.Rf1 Nh2]

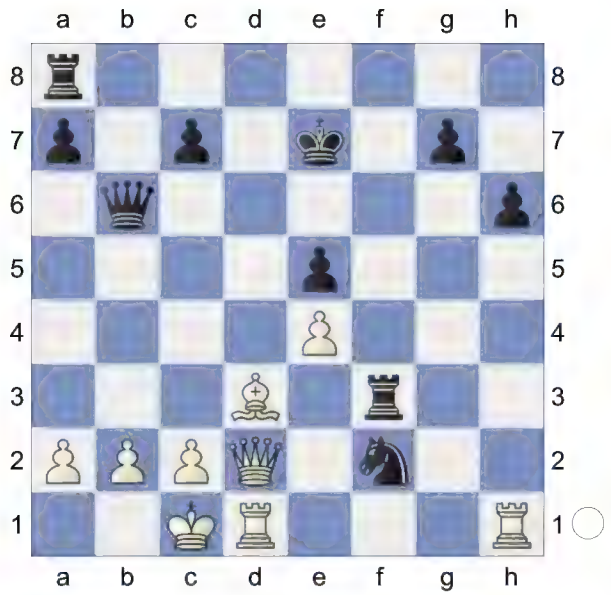
18...Bxd2+ Remove Defender, Deflection

[18...Nh2 simplifies 19.Nc4 Qg6 20.Ne3 Bxe3 21.fxe3 Nxf3+ 22.Kd1 h5]

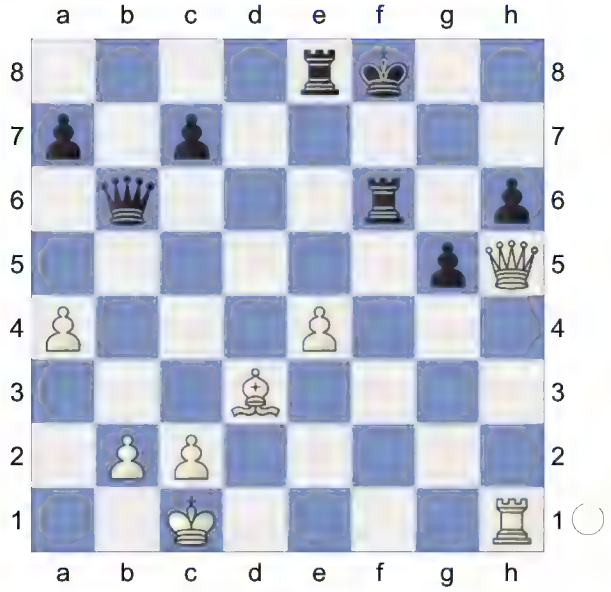
19.Qxd2 Rxf3→ Black has strong attack. **20.0-0-0** Hoping for Be2.

20...Nxf2

(Diagram)

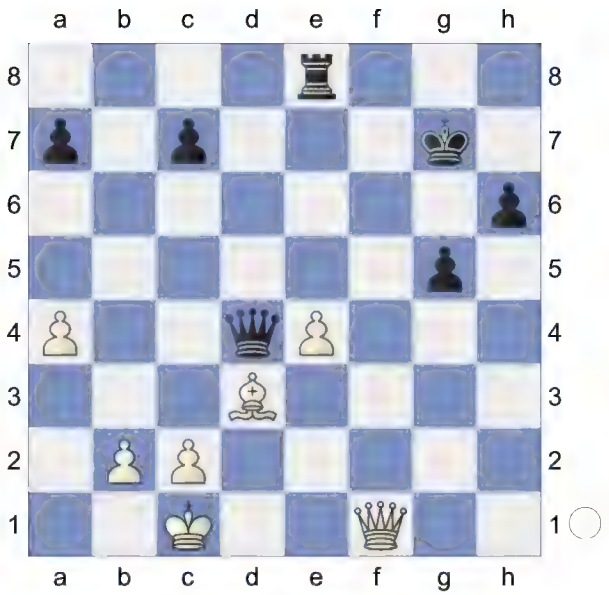


21.Qc3 Nxh1 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 24.Qh5 Rf6 25.a4 -1.79/21
[25.Qd5∓ -1.34/20]
25...g5



26.Qh3 -2.04/21
[26.Kb1∓ -1.58/20]
26...Qd4 27.Rf1? -3.52/22
[27.Kb1 -2.00/20]
27...Rxf1+-+ 28.Qxf1+ Kg7

(Diagram)



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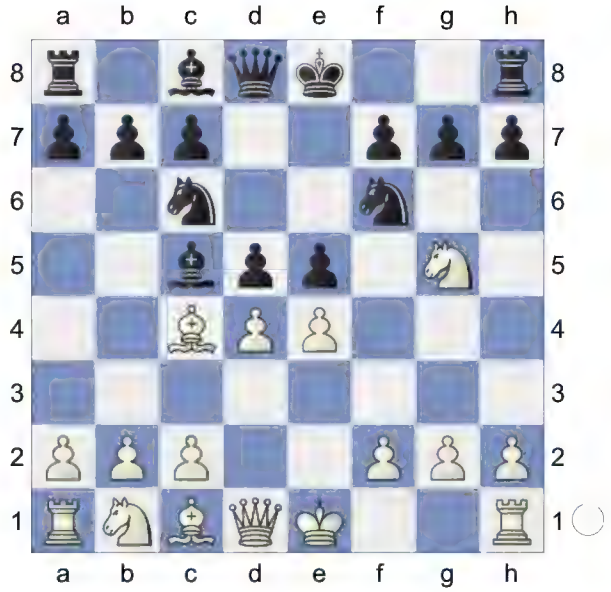
47 **C57**
Winawer Miscellaneous
GER-ch U17 Germany 1996
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

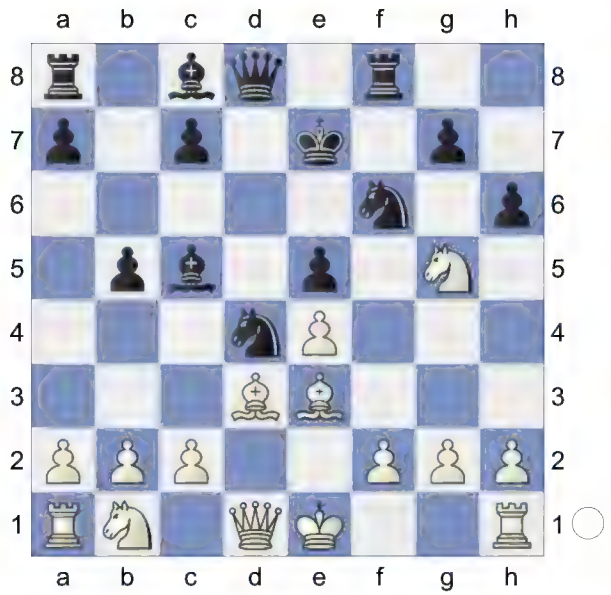
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.Bxd5
[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]

6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4!
White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 10.Be3 h6**

(Diagram)



11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Rb1 0.01/19

[14.Bxb5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 *(15.Qxf3 Nd5∓)* 15...Rad8∓]

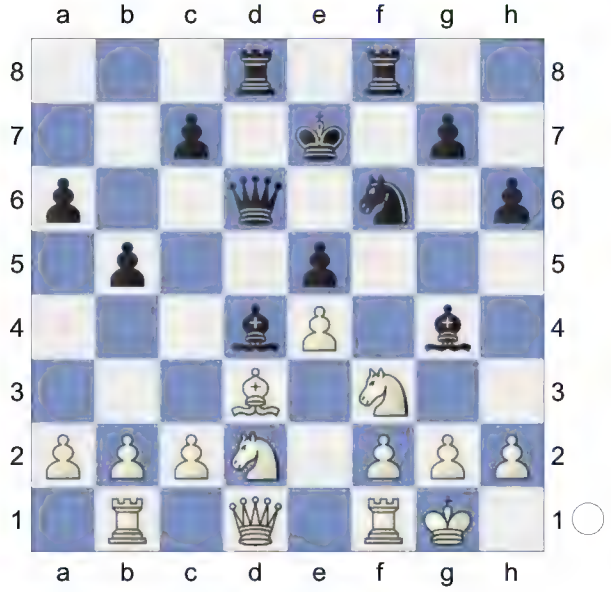
[14.Nxd4± 0.81/17 Qxd4 15.Qc1]

14...a6 0.69/18

[Black should play 14...Nh5= 0.01/19]

15.0-0 Rad8 0.98/19

[15...Bb6⩲ 0.51/17 feels stronger.]



16.h3± Bxf3 17.Nxf3

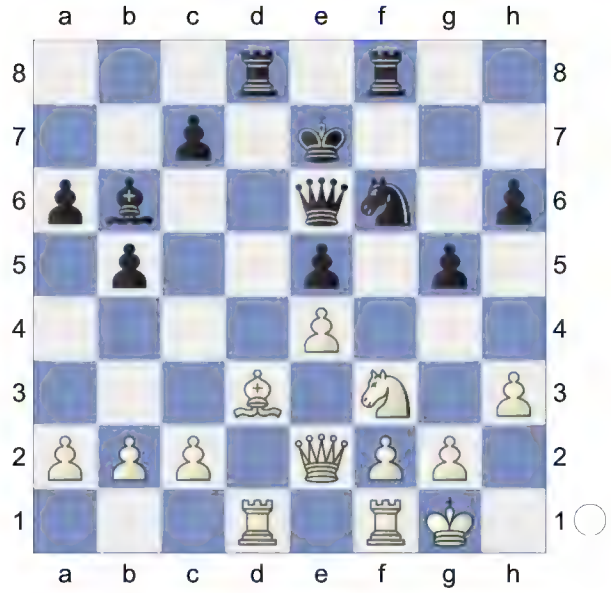
[Much less strong is 17.Qxf3 g6=]

17...g5 18.Qe2 Bb6 19.Rbd1 0.57/19

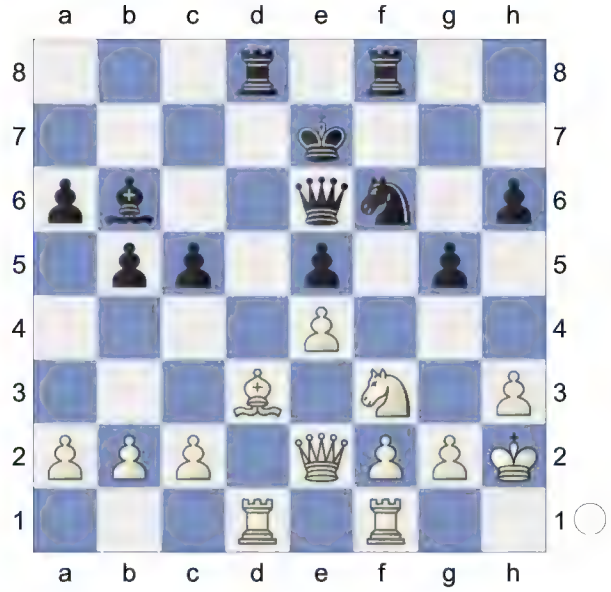
[White should try 19.Kh2± 1.11/19]

19...Qe6 1.46/18

[19...Nh5!⩲ 0.57/19]



20.Kh2! c5

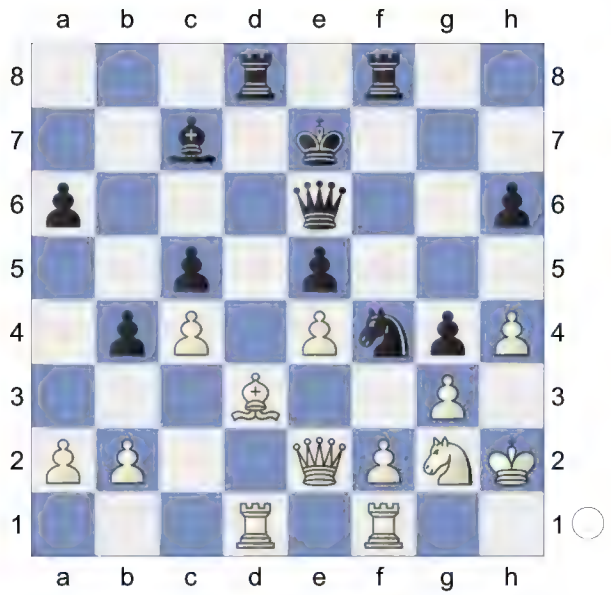


Hoping for ...c4! **21.c4 b4 22.g3 Bc7 23.Ne1 g4 24.h4 Nh5 25.Ng2** 0.90/22

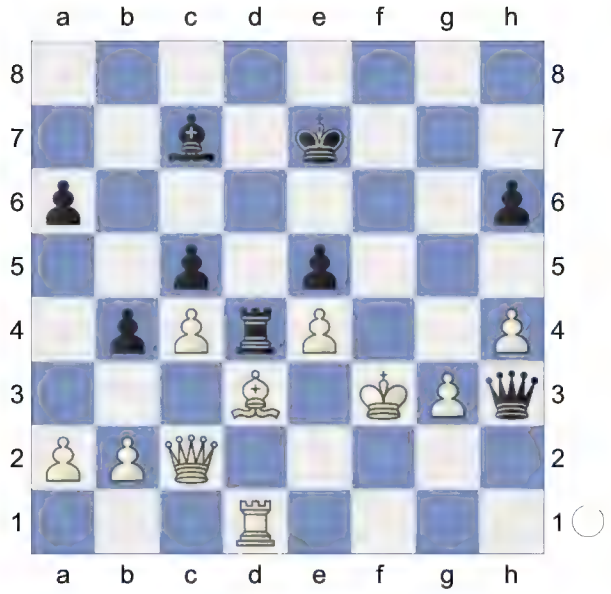
[25.Nc2+- 2.01/18]

25...Nf4

(Diagram)

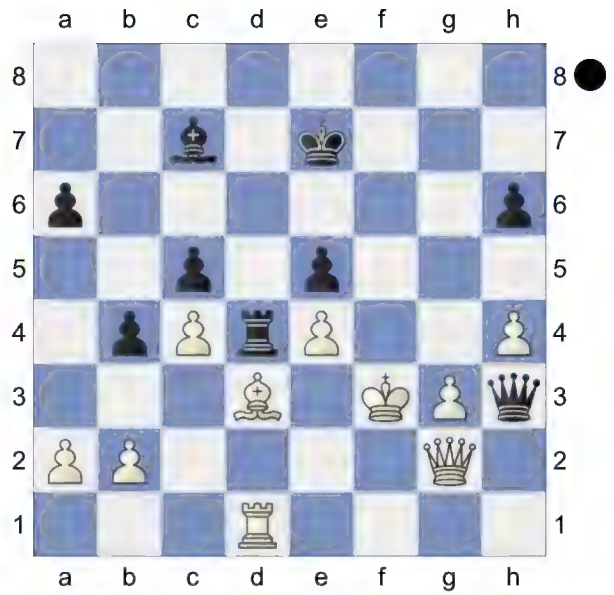


26.Qc2
[26.gxf4 exf4 27.e5 f3±]
26...Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Rd4 28.f3 gxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Rxf3 30.Kxf3 Qh3



31.Qg2 Qd7 32.Qe2 0.34/19
[32.Ke3± 1.06/20]
32...Qh3 1.02/21
[32...a5± 0.34/19]
33.Qg2 -0.01/35
[Better is 33.Qf2± 1.02/21]

(Diagram)



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48 **C57**
□ **Tepponen,Martti**
■ **Molarius,Reijo**
FIN-chT1 corr 1962
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
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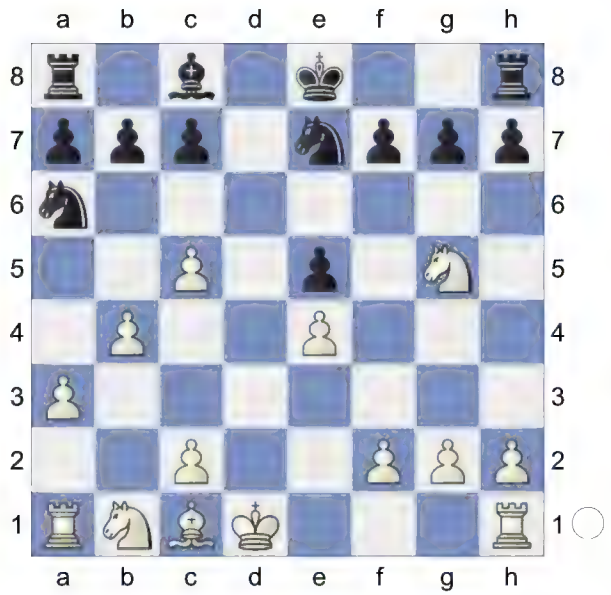
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 White is slightly better. **8...Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 10.b4 Ne7**

(Diagram)



11.Be3 White is more active. **11...f6 12.Nf3 Be6 13.b5 0-0-0+ 14.Ke2?** -0.87/18

[14.Kc1± 0.79/16 keeps the pressure on. Nb8 15.a4]

14...Nb8 0.77/14

[14...Bc4+∓ -0.87/18 and life is bright. 15.Ke1 Bxb5]

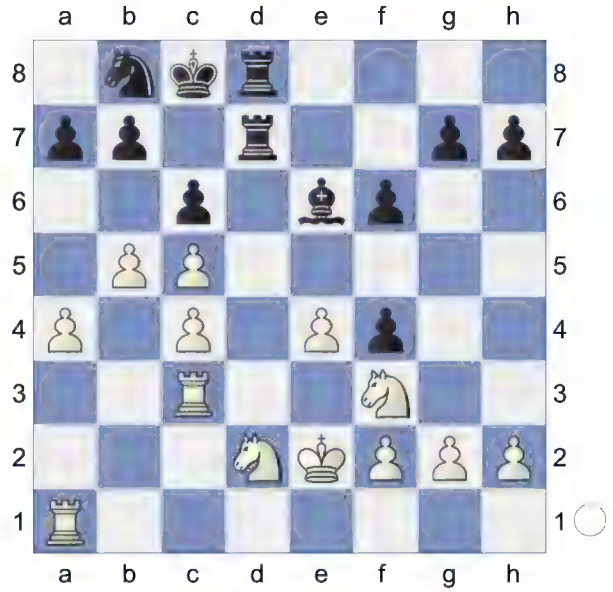
15.Nbd2± c6 1.14/17

[⌂15...g5 0.77/17]

16.c4 0.52/16

[16.b6± 1.14/17 axb6 17.cxb6]

16...Rd7 17.Rhc1 Rhd8 18.Rc3 Ng6 19.a4 Nf4+ 20.Bxf4 exf4

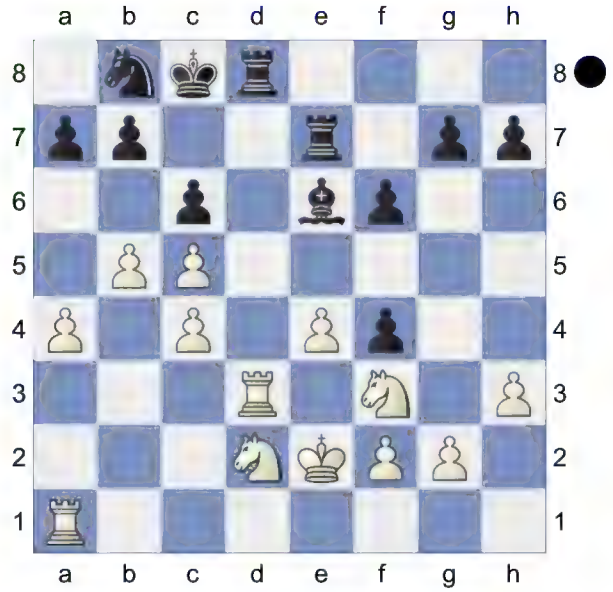


21.h3 0.32/19 Wards off Bg4

[21.Nb3± 0.73/18]

21...Re7 22.Rd3 -0.19/21

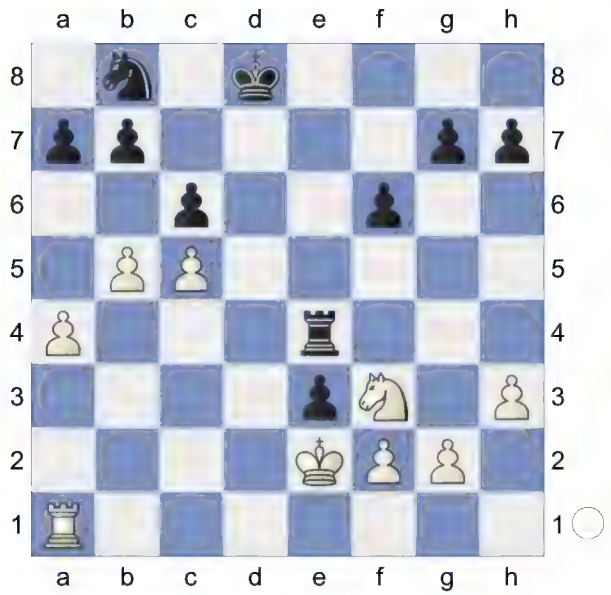
[22.Kf1⩲ 0.37/17]



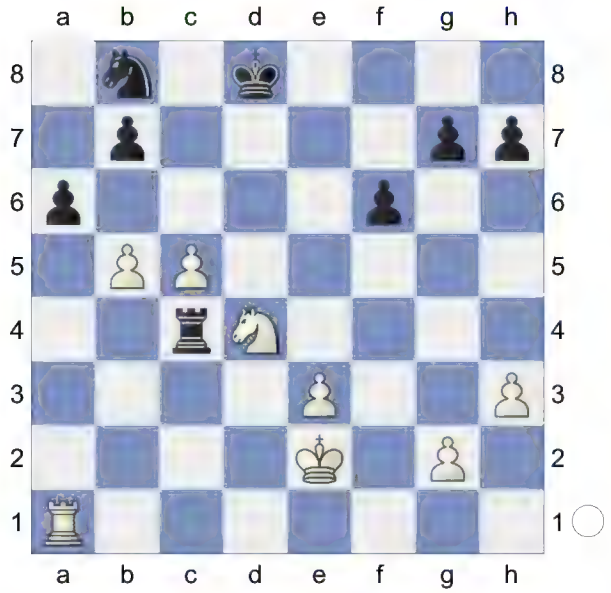
22...Bxc4!= Decoy **23.Nxc4** Excellent horsemanship. **23...Rxe4+ 24.Ne3! fxe3 25.Rxd8+**

[Much worse is 25.Rxe3 Rb4 26.bxc6 *(26.Re7 Rd7∓)* 26...Nxc6∓]

25...Kxd8

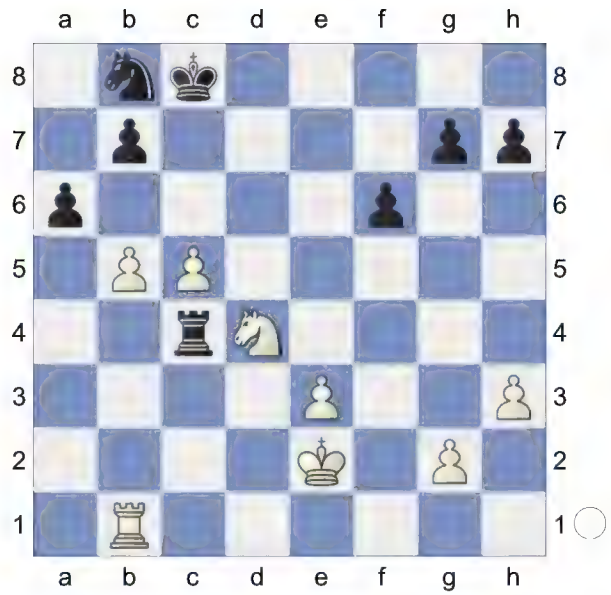


26.fxe3 Endgame. KRN-KRN **26...Rc4**
27.Nd4 cxb5 0.83/20
[27...Kc8= -0.01/18]
28.axb5± a6 1.39/20
[Better is 28...Kc8 0.90/21]



29.Rb1 0.12/20
[29.bxa6!± 1.39/20 bxa6 30.Kd3]
29...Kc8=

(Diagram)



30.c6 -0.49/21 **bxc6∓**

31.bxa6 Nxa6 32.Kd3 Rb4 33.Rc1 c5 -0.04/21
[33...Kd7∓ -0.49/21]
34.Ne6= The position is equal. **34...g6**
35.Nxc5 Nxc5+

(Diagram)

36.Rxc5+ Kd7 37.Ke2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.22 (precise)

½-½

49 **C57**

□ **Two Knights Defence**

■ **4.♘g5 ♗c5 5.d4**

Survey 1996

[Konikowski]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

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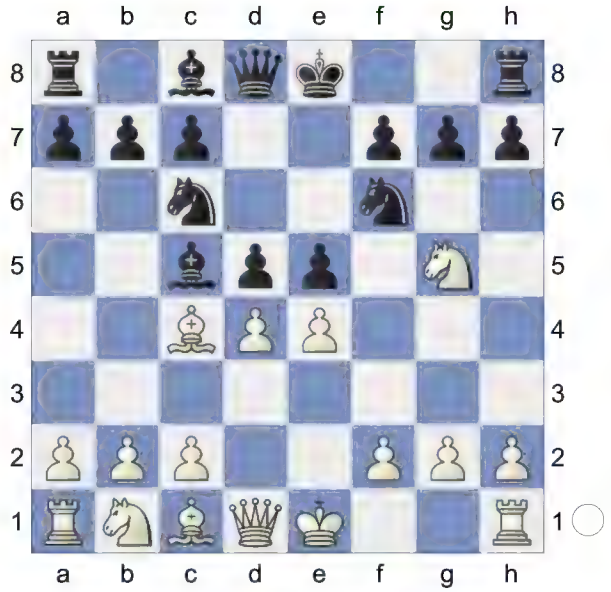
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!

[5...Nxd4? 6.Nxf7 Qe7 7.Nxh8 d5 8.c3 Bg4 9.f3! Nxe4 10.cxd4 Qh4+ 11.g3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 0.67/22 *(12.Bg5!+-* 2.11/20 *Qxg5 13.hxg3 dxc4 14.Qd2)* 12...Qxh1+ 1.10/24 *(12...Qxg3+±* 0.67/22 *13.Kd2 dxc4)* 13.Bf1± Bh3 14.Qe2 Bxd4 15.Nc3+-]

[5...exd4? 6.Nxf7 Qe7 7.Nxh8 Qxe4+ 8.Qe2+- Estrin,Y]



6.Bxd5

[6.exd5 -0.39/20 6.Bxd5 0.27 Nxd4 7.c3 Nf5=]

[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]

6...Nxd4

[6...Nxd5 Game Hilge,A-Roeberg,F]
7.Bxf7+
[7.Nxf7 0.01/22 7.Bxf7+ 0.43 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bg4
A) 9.Qd3 Nxd5 10.exd5? -2.14/21 *(10.c3!= -0.01/21 Nb4 11.cxb4 Bxb4+ 12.Nc3)* 10...Bf5!-+ 11.Qg3 Nxc2+ 12.Ke2 Nxa1 13.Bg5 -2.67/19 *(⌓13.Be3 -1.89/19)* 13...Qf8? -0.79/19 *(13...Qd7-+ -2.67/19* has better winning chances. Threatens to win with ... Qb5+. *14.Qc3 Bd4)* 14.Nc3? -2.57/20 *(14.Rc1∓ -0.79/19* only move. *Kd7 15.Nf7 Qxf7 16.Rxc5 Bxb1 17.Qxe5)* 14...Nc2-+ 15.Rc1 Nd4+ 16.Kf1 Bd6 aiming for ...h6! 17.Re1? -3.29/20 *(17.f4∓ -1.40/19)* 17...Kd7-+ 18.Rxe5? -5.10/21 *(18.h3 -2.90/18* was called for.*)* 18...Bxe5-+ 19.Qxe5 Bd3+ 0-1 Paulig-Giertz/corr/1967/;
B) 9.Qd3? -1.60/23 9.Qd2 0.01 Nxd5 10.c3 Inhibits Nb4. Nb4! 11.cxb4 Bxb4+
B1) 12.Nc3 Rd8 -0.48/24 *(12...Qd7!∓ -1.58/24 13.Kf1 Bxc3* Remove Defender*)* 13.Qg3 -1.56/21 *(13.Kf1∓ -0.48/24 Bxc3 14.Qxc3)* 13...Bxc3+!∓ 14.Qxc3 Be3 is the strong threat. Nb5! 15.Qc2 -1.60/23 *(15.Bg5!∓ -0.65/25 Qxg5 16.Qb3 Qd2+ 17.Kf1 Qd3+ 18.Qxd3 Rxd3 19.f3)* 15...Qb4+ -0.21/23 *(15...Qc5∓ -1.60/23 16.Qb3 Rd1+* Skewer *17.Qxd1 Bxd1)* 16.Bd2= Nd4! 17.0-0 Nxc2 18.Bxb4 Nxb4∓ Cramer,G;
B2) 12.Nc3∓ -1.35/23 Qd7 13.Kf1 Bxc3 14.f3;
B3) 12.Bd2? -2.86/23 12...0-0-0-+ 13.Qg3 -4.14/24 *(⌓13.Nc3 -2.86/20 Nf3+* Discovered Attack *14.Qxf3 Bxf3 15.gxf3)* 13...Qd7-+ 14.Nf7 *(14.Nc3? -5.74/23* 14.h4 *-3.18 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qb5!-+)* 14...Bxd2+? 0.01/22 *(* Better is *14...h5-+ -4.34/22* (-> ...Qb5!) *15.f3 Qxf7)* 15.Nxd2= Nc2+! 16.Kf1 Be2+
B3a) 17.Kg1? -3.85/21 17.Kxe2 0.01 Qxf7 18.Rc1 Rxd2 19.Qc3? -6.29/23 *(19.h4 -3.49/21)* 19...Nd4-+ 20.Qxd2 Black must now prevent Qg5. Nf3+! 21.gxf3 Qg6+-+;
B3b) 17.Kxe2 Qxd2+ 18.Kf1 Nxa1 19.Qg4+
B3b1) 19...Rd7? 0.51/21 19...Kb8 0.04 20.g3 Qxb2? 5.97/24 *(20...Nc2= 0.27/21 21.Qe6 Qd1+ 22.Kg2 Ne3+ 23.fxe3 Qe2+ 24.Kg1 Qe1+ 25.Kg2 Qe2+ 26.Kg1 Qe1+ 27.Kg2 Qe2+)* 21.Qe6 White wants to mate with Qe8+. c6 6.57/24 *(⌓21...Qd2 4.69/22 22.Kg2 b6 23.Nxe5* Pin *Nc2 24.Qxd7+ Qxd7 25.Nxd7 Kxd7 26.Rd1+ Kc8)* 22.Nxe5+- Qd4 23.Kg2 Nc2 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Qg8+ Kc7 26.Qxh7+-;
B3b2) 19...Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Rxd7 21.Ke2! Dodges Rd1 Rxf7 22.Rxa1= Cramer,G;
C) 9.Qd2! Nxd5 10.exd5 Bf5 11.0-0 Nxc2 12.g4 Nd4 13.Kg2! Against Nf3 *(13.Qd1? -7.39/21* 13.Kg2 0.10 *Bc2* 0-1 Majchrak-

Rohlicek/corr/1954/) 13...Be4+ *(13...Bxg4!? 14.f3□ Bh5∓)* 14.f3 Bxd5 15.Nc3 Bc4 16.Re1 0-0-0 17.Qg5! Qf8 18.Be3? -15.25/23 *(18.Re3∓ -0.58/23)* 18...Qxf3+-+ 19.Kg1 Qh3 20.Qh5 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Nh4 0-1 Weissleder-Schlicker/corr/1956/;

D) White should try 9.Qd2!= -0.01/25;

E) 9.f3 -0.66/19 9...Nxd5∓ 10.fxg4? -1.92/21 *(10.h4!∓ -0.39/21 Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.c3)* 10...Qh4+!-+ 11.Kd2? -7.08/23 *(11.g3∓ -1.26/21 Qh3 12.exd5)* 11...Qf2+-+ 12.Kd3 Nb4+ 13.Kc3 0-0-0 14.Nd2 Qe3+ 15.Kc4 b5+ 16.Kxc5 Na6# 0-1 Alvarsson-Jonsson/Sweden/1966/]

7...Ke7 8.Bc4 b5 9.Bd3

[9.Be2 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4 11.Nxe5? -2.37/18 *(11.Be3= 0.28/19* and White stays safe.*)* 11...Nxf2!-+ 12.Kxf2 Nc6+ -0.06/19 *(12...Qd6!∓ -1.44/19 13.Nd3 Nxe2+ 14.Be3 Rf8+* Deflection *15.Ke1 Bxe3 16.Qxe2 Qd4)* 13.Ke1 Nxe5 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8∓ Williams]

9...Rf8

[9...h6 10.Nf3 Ng4 11.Rf1 Qd6 12.h3 0.28/17 *(12.Nbd2± 0.65/18)* 12...Nxf3+!= 13.gxf3 Nh2 *(13...Nf6!?)* 14.Rg1! Prevents Qg6. Rg2 would now be deadly. *(14.Rh1!? -1.38/17* 14.Rg1 0.01*)* 14...Qf6! 15.Rg3 Rf8! 16.Nd2 g5∓ 1.00/20 Williams *(16...Qh4!= 0.20/18 17.Ke2 Bxh3 18.Rxg7+ Kd6)*]

10.Be3 h6

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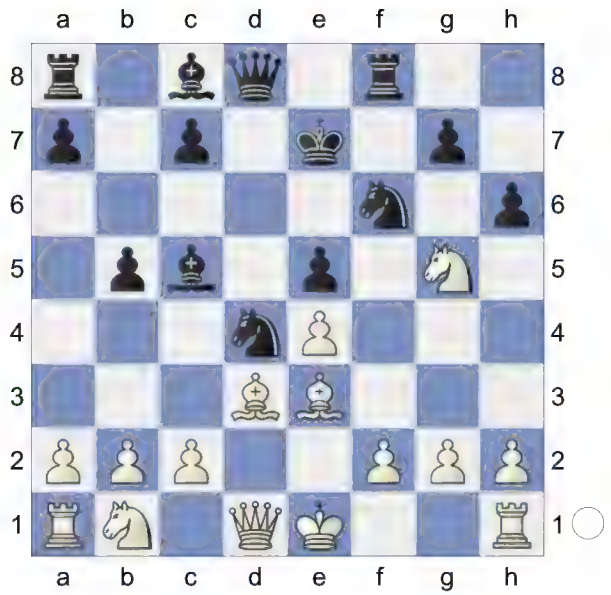


11.Nf3 Bg4

[11...Ng4!?]

12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.Bxd4

[13.h3 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxe3 15.hxg4 Bf4 0.79/18 *(15...Bd4± 0.40/20* is more appropriate.*)* 16.Bxb5 0.01/22 *(16.a4± 0.79/18)* 16...Qb6 17.Bd3 -0.89/21 *(17.Qe2= -0.01/19* remains equal.*)* 17...Nxg4!∓ 18.Qe2 Hoping for Nc4. Bxd2+ 19.Qxd2 -1.64/21 *(19.Kxd2∓ -1.23/22 Nxf2 20.Rhb1)* 19...Rxf3-+ 20.0-0-0 Strongly threatening Be2. Nxf2 21.Qc3 Nxh1 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 24.Qh5 Rf6 25.a4 -2.32/22 *(25.Qd5∓ -1.42/20* might work better. *)* 25...g5 26.Qh3 -2.24/21 *(26.Kb1∓ -1.44/21* keeps fighting.*)* 26...Qd4-+ 27.Rf1 -3.15/22 *(⌓27.Kb1 -2.09/20)* 27...Rxf1+-+ 28.Qxf1+ Kg7 0-1 Zinn,L-Nun,Jo/corr/1968/]

13...Bxd4 14.Rb1 -0.01/19

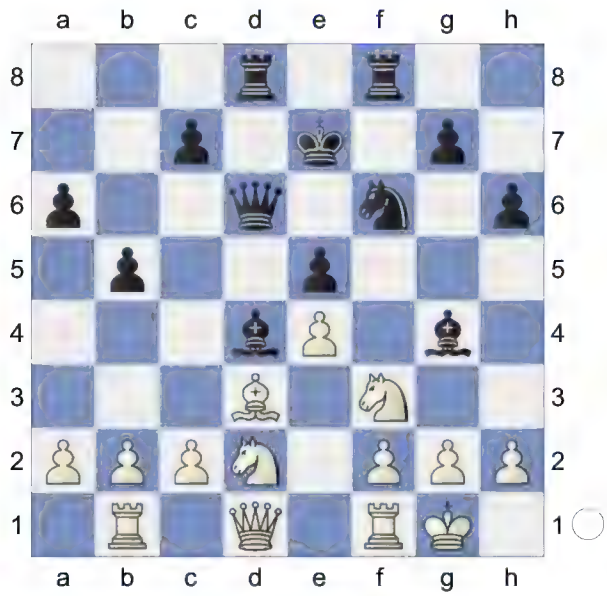
[14.Bxb5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 *(15.Qxf3 Nd5∓)* 15...Rab8-+]

[14.0-0!± 0.89/18]

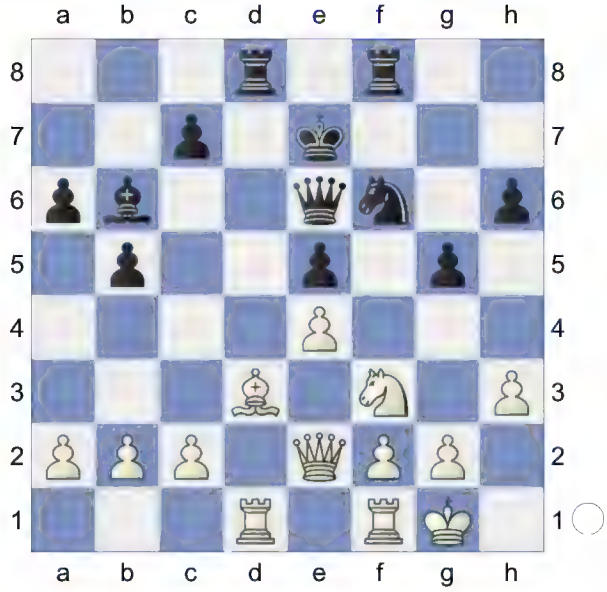
14...a6 0.64/19

[Black should play 14...Nh5!= -0.01/19]

15.0-0 Rad8 0.88/18
[15...Bb6± 0.48/17]



16.h3± And now Nxd4! would win.
16...Bxf3 17.Nxf3
[Don't do 17.Qxf3 g6±]
17...g5 18.Qe2 Bb6 19.Rbd1 0.55/20
[19.Kh2± 1.21/17]
19...Qe6 1.43/18
[19...Nh5!± 0.55/20]



20.Kh2! c5

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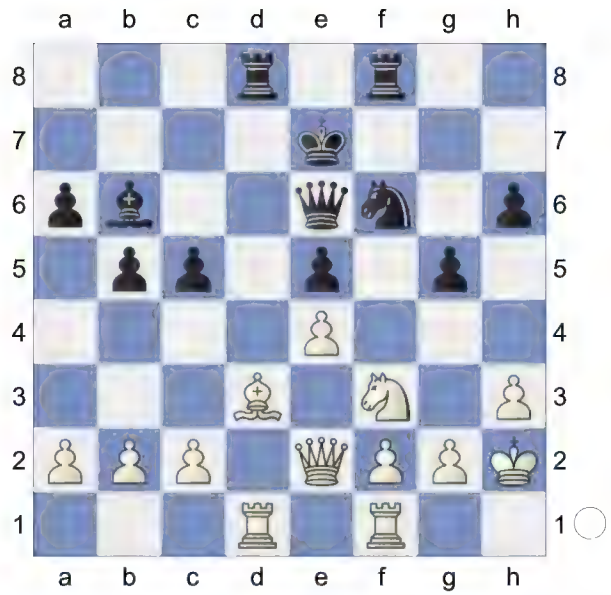
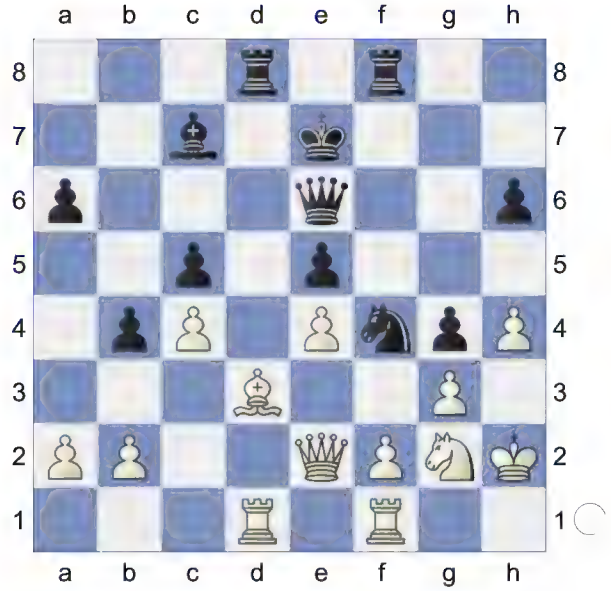
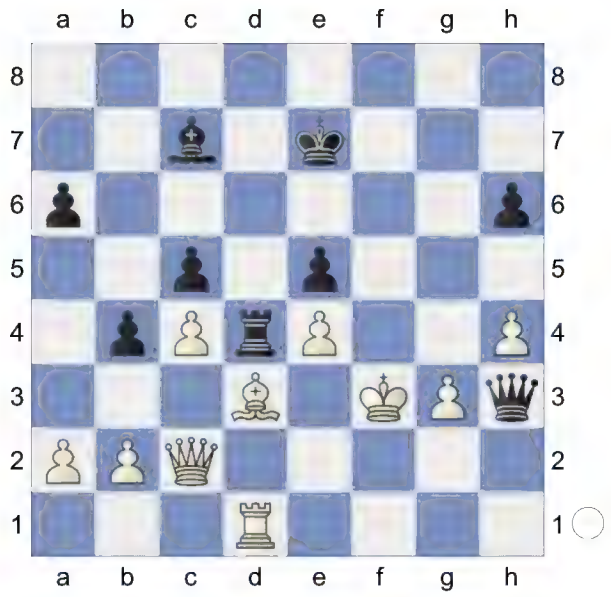


21.c4 b4 22.g3 Bc7 23.Ne1 g4 24.h4 Nh5 25.Ng2 1.08/21 Wards off Nf4
[25.Nc2+- 1.93/19]
25...Nf4

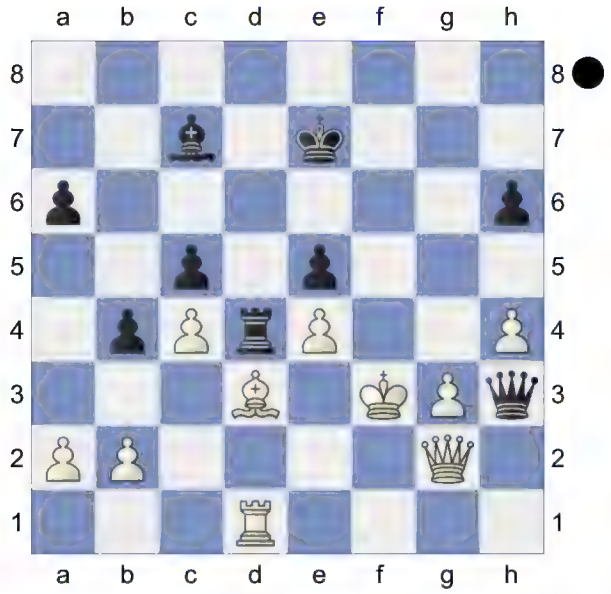


26.Qc2
[26.gxf4 exf4 27.e5 f3∓]
26...Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Rd4 28.f3 gxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Rxf3 30.Kxf3 Qh3

(Diagram)



31.Qg2 Qd7 32.Qe2 Qh3 33.Qg2
-0.01/35
[33.Qe3!± 0.48/23]



½-½ Allermann,H-Krauss,W/corr/1989/90/.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

50 **C57**
□ **Trompeter,Hubert**
■ **Mueller,H**
BEL fax corr 1996
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5

[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Be3]

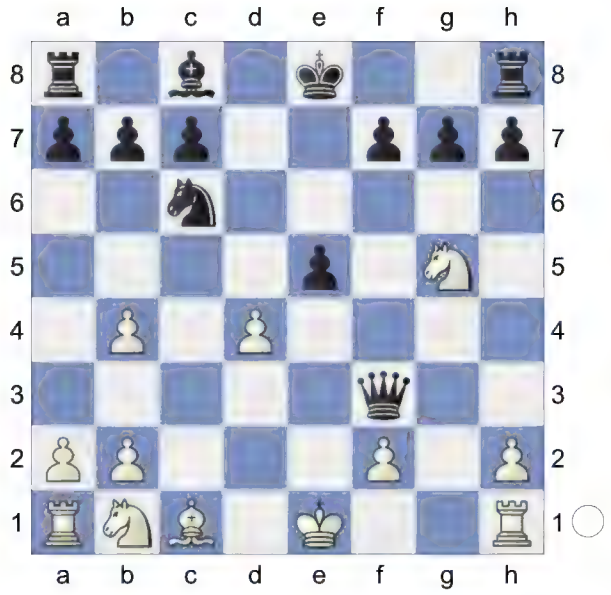
6...Bb4+ 7.c3 Nxd5 8.exd5

White is slightly better.

[8.cxb4 seems wilder. Ndxb4 9.a3 Qxd4 10.axb4 h6 11.Nf3]

8...Qxd5 9.cxb4 Qxg2 10.Qf3 Qxf3

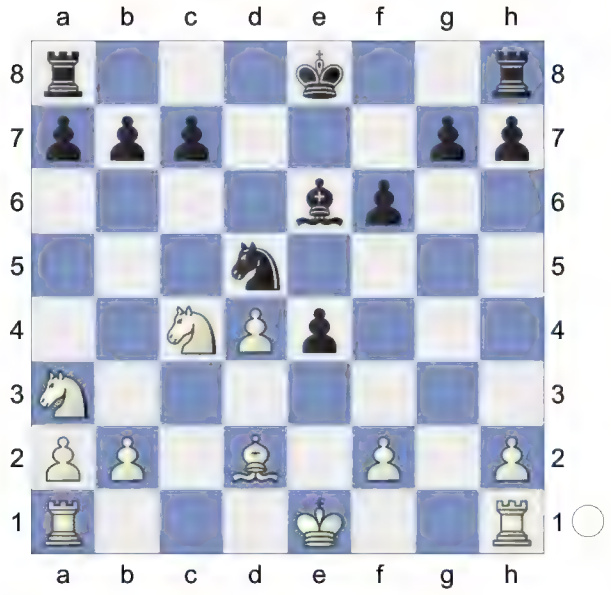
(Diagram)



11.Nxf3 Nxb4 White must now prevent ...e4. **12.Na3**

[12.Nxe5 f6 13.Nc4 Nc2+ 14.Kd2 Nxa1∓]

12...e4 13.Ne5 f6 14.Bd2! Nd5 15.Nec4 Be6



16.0-0 0-0-0 17.Rfe1 f5 18.Ne5 c6 1.23/19

[⌓18...Rhe8 0.84/20 19.f3 Nf6]

19.Nac4 Nc7 20.Rac1 Nb5

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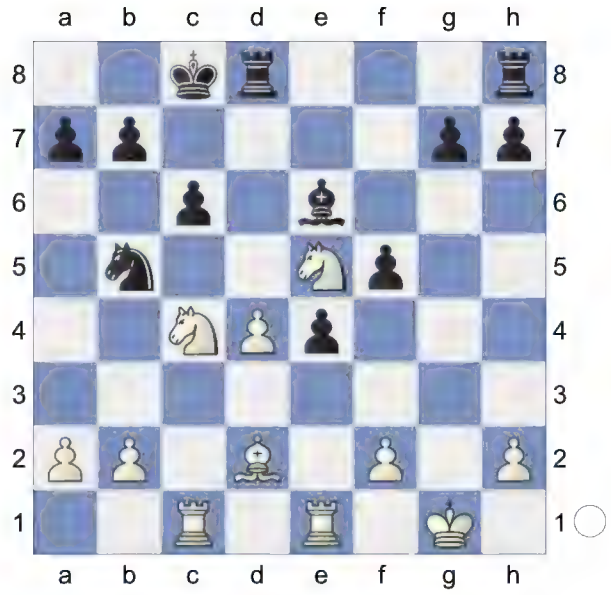


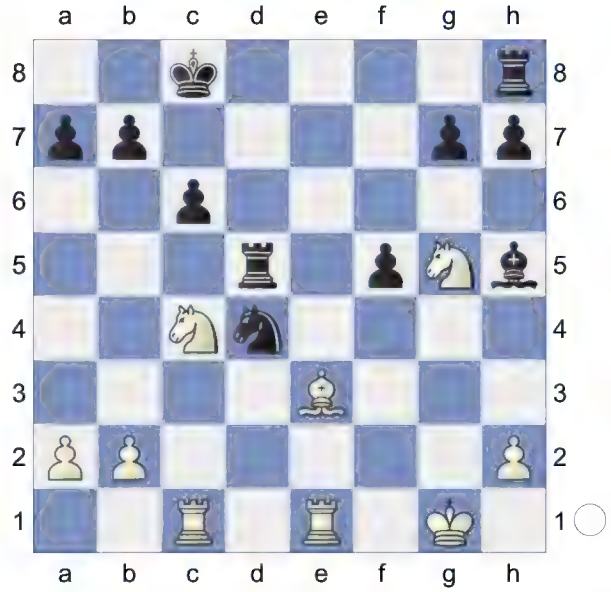
21.d5! Rxd5 22.f3 exf3 23.Nxf3 A dynamic duo of knights. **23...Bf7** 1.76/22

[23...Re8± 1.25/23 24.Bf4 Rdd8]

24.Ng5 1.21/22

[24.Bf4+- 1.76/22 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Bxe8 26.a4]

24...Bh5± 25.Be3 Nd4



26.Bxd4 Rxd4 27.Ne6 Rd7 28.Nf4 Bf7 29.Ne5 Re7 30.Nxf7 Rxf7

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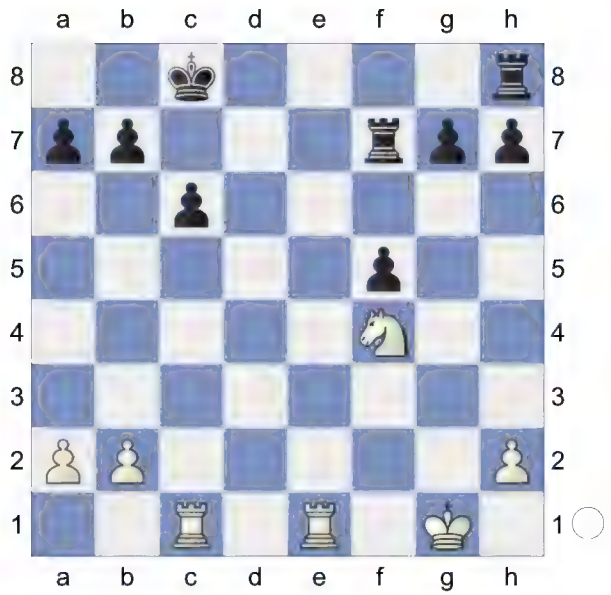
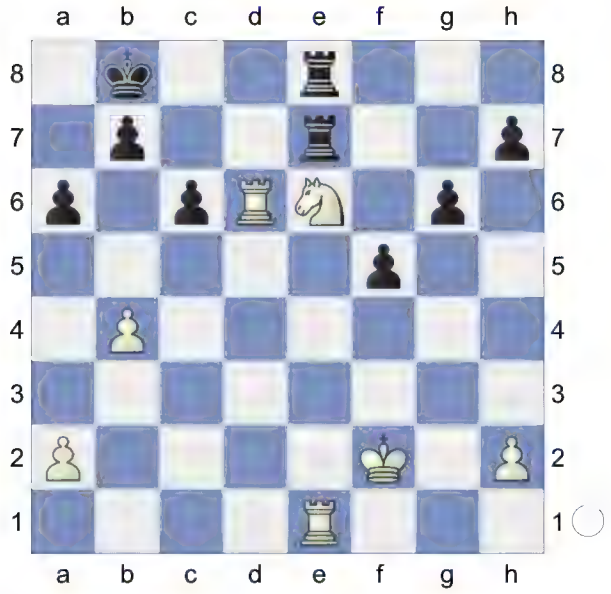
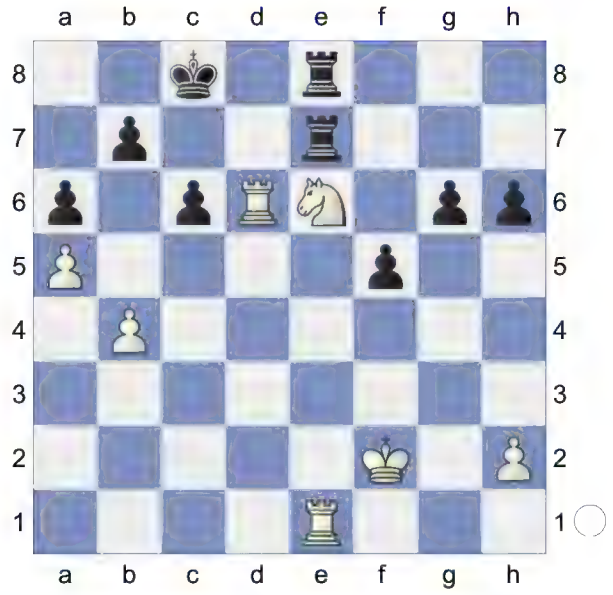


31.Ne6 g6 1.32/22
[⌂31...Re8 0.81/21 32.Rcd1 g6]
32.b4 0.75/22
[⌂32.Rcd1 1.32/22]
32...Re8 aiming for ...Rfe7. **33.Rcd1 Rfe7 34.Rd6 a6** 1.82/25
[34...g5⩲ 0.60/26]
35.Kf2 1.06/25
[35.h4+- 1.82/25]
35...Kb8 1.69/24
[35...g5± 1.06/25 36.h4 gxh4]

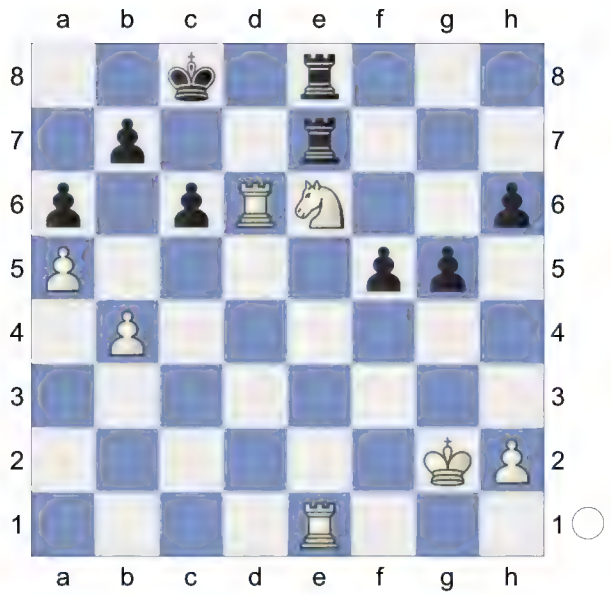


36.a4 0.94/24
[36.h4!+- 1.69/24]
36...h6 2.16/24
[36...g5± 0.94/24 was worth a try.]
37.a5 1.10/26
[37.h4+- 2.16/24]
37...Kc8 2.31/25
[37...g5± 1.10/26]



38.Kf3 1.09/24
[38.h4!+- 2.31/25 has better winning chances.]
38...g5 39.Kg3 Kb8 2.39/25
[39...h5± 1.11/23 was called for.]
40.Kg2? 0.22/28
[40.h4+- 2.39/25]
40...Kc8 0.62/27
[40...h5= 0.22/28]

(Diagram)



41.Kf3 Kb8 42.Kf2 Kc8 43.Kf3 0.01/22

[43.Re2± 0.67/26]

43...Kb8= 44.h3 0.01/26

[44.Re2± 0.67/27]

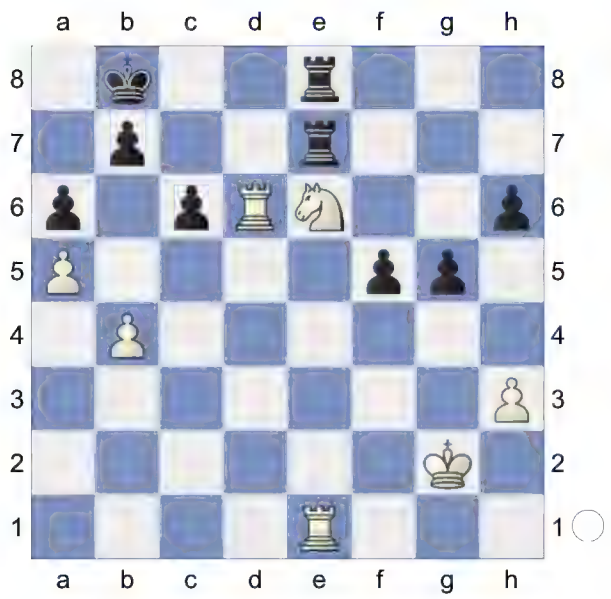
44...Kc8 1.16/23

[44...h5!= 0.01/26]

45.Kg2 0.69/26 White has more active pieces.

[45.h4± 1.16/23]

45...Kb8±



46.Kf1 0.01/27

[46.Re2± 0.96/25]

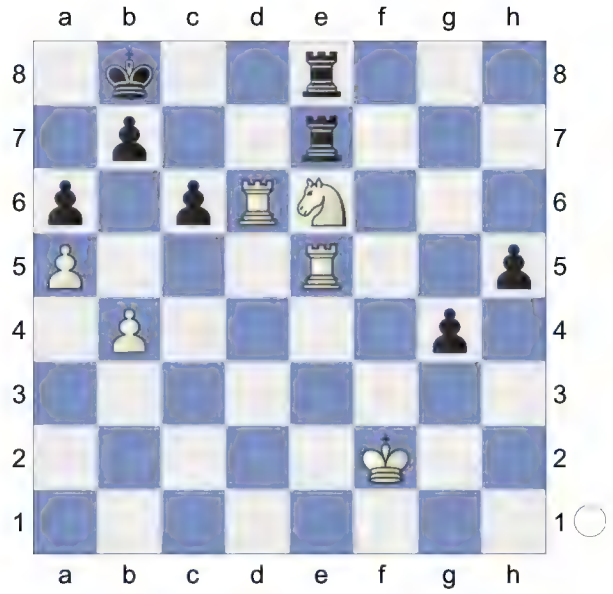
46...Kc8 0.80/25

[46...h5= 0.01/27]

47.Re3 0.01/25

[White should play 47.Re2± 0.80/25]

47...g4 The position is equal. **48.hxg4 fxg4 49.Kf2 Kb8 50.Re5 h5**



51.Kg3 Kc8 52.Kh4 Kb8! 53.Re1

[53.Kxh5 g3 54.Re2 g2 55.Rxg2 Rxe6 56.Rxe6 Rxe6∓]

53...Ka7! 54.Re2

[54.Kxh5 g3 55.Re2 g2 56.Rxg2 Rxe6 57.Rxe6 Rxe6]

54...Kb8! 55.Re5

[55.Kxh5 g3 56.Kg6 g2 57.Rxg2 Rxe6+ *(57...Rg8+ 58.Kf6=)* 58.Rxe6 Rxe6+ 59.Kf5 Rh6 60.Rg8+ Ka7]

55...Ka7

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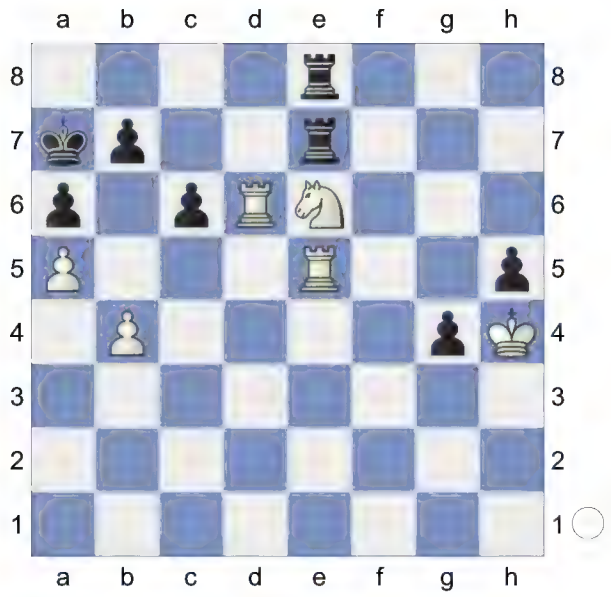
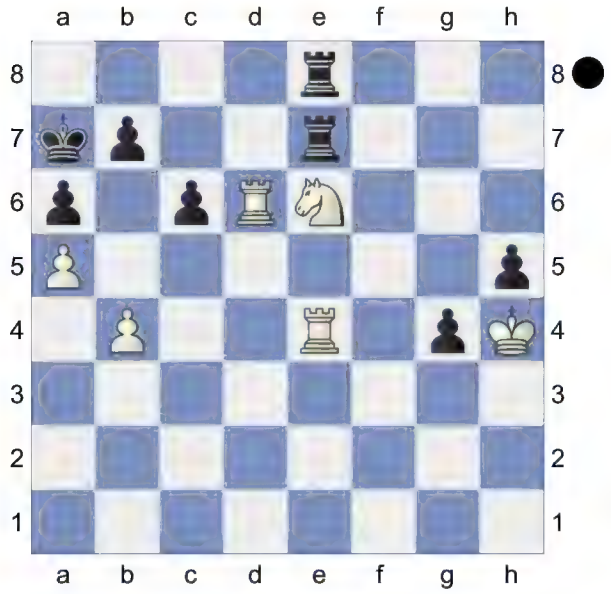


56.Re4

[56.Kxh5 g3 57.Re2 Rg8± *(57...g2 58.Rxg2 Rxe6 59.Rxe6∓)*]



Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

51 **C57**
□ **Furstner,F**
■ **Schulman,Mark**
Canadian op Ottawa (9.4) 03.09.1962
[Kitty Kat]

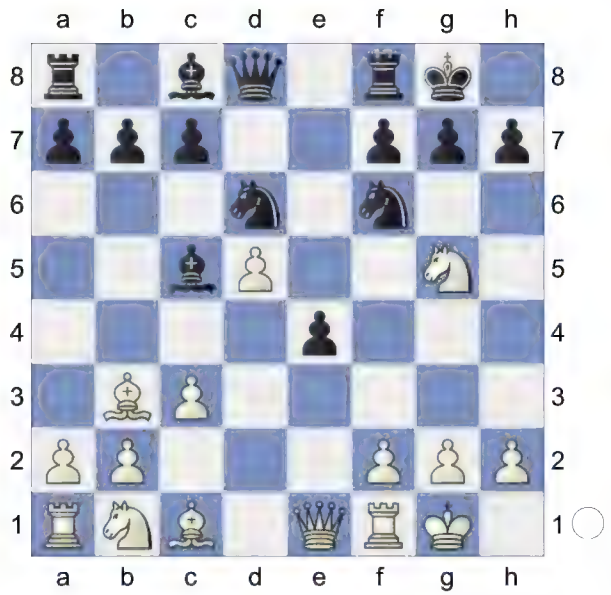
C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!

6.exd5 -0.50/20
[6.Bxd5= 0.30/19 Nxd5 7.dxc5]
6...Nxd4∓ 7.c3 Nf5 8.0-0 Black is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Bb3** -1.30/19
[9.Nd2∓ -0.40/18]
9...Nd6 -0.92/17
[⌓9...e4 -1.30/19 10.Bf4 h6]
10.Qe1 e4

(Diagram)

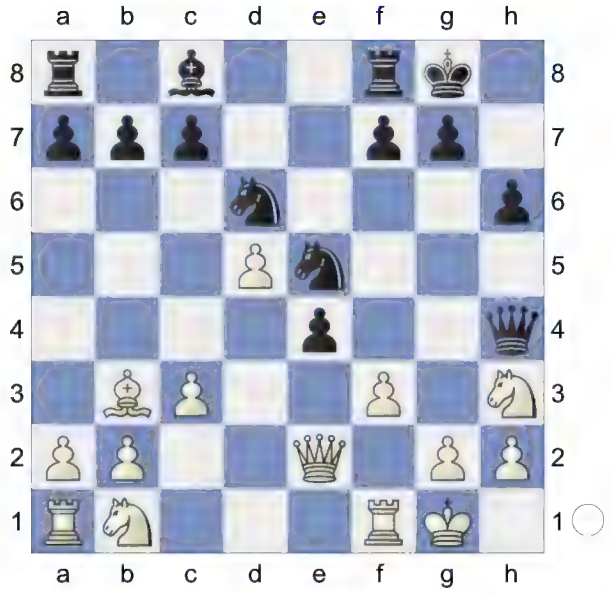


11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 h6 ...Ng4! would now be deadly. **13.Nh3 Ng4 14.Qe2** -1.18/17

[14.Qg3∓ -0.69/18]

14...Qh4 15.f3 Ne5 0.08/21

[15...exf3∓ -1.47/21 16.Qxf3 Re8]



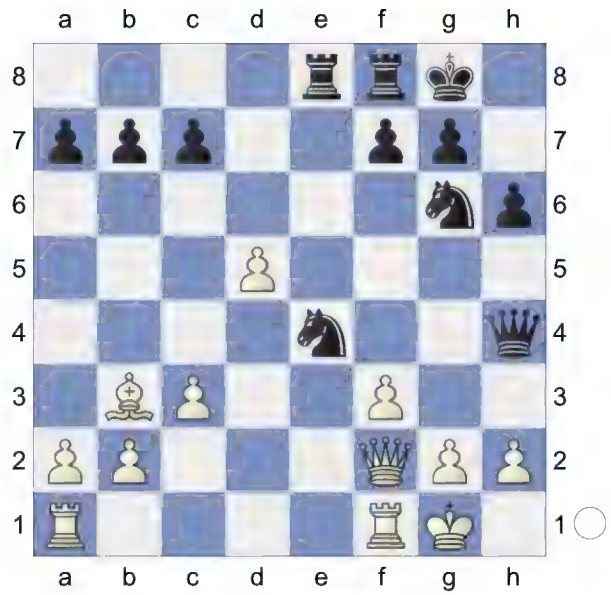
16.Nf2= Bf5 17.Nd2 Rae8 18.Ndxe4 Bxe4 0.53/20

[18...Bg6= 0.16/20]

19.Nxe4± Ng6 And now ...f5 would win.

20.Qf2 Nxe4

(Diagram)



21.fxe4

[21.Qxh4 simplifies Nxh4 22.fxe4 Rxe4 23.g3]

21...Rxe4 22.Qxa7 0.01/20

[22.Qxh4± 0.47/19 deserves consideration. Rxh4 23.Rae1]

22...Re2 23.Rf2 Rfe8 1.10/22

[23...Nf4= 0.01/22]

24.Raf1± b6? 2.83/23

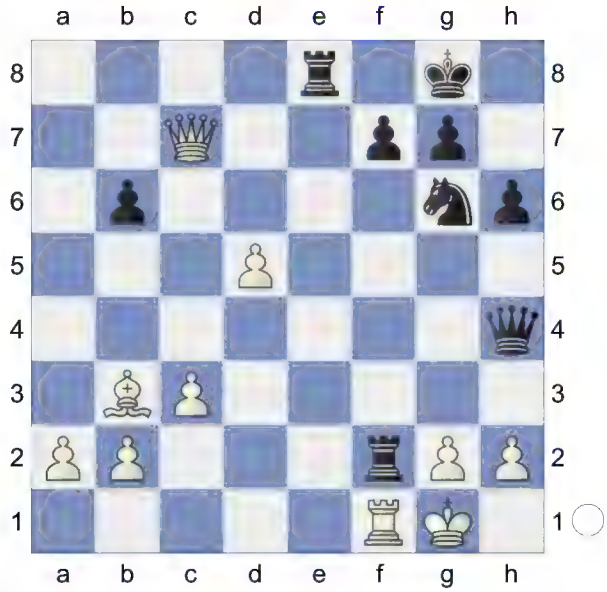
[24...R8e7± 1.19/20]

25.Qxc7 1.57/20

[25.Rxf7? Qg5-+]

[25.Rxe2!+- 2.83/23 Rxe2 26.Qxc7]

25...Rxf2



26.Rxf2 Re1+ 27.Rf1 Nf4? 4.49/24

[27...Rxf1+± 1.14/21 is a better chance. 28.Kxf1 Qf6+ 29.Ke1 Qf5]

28.Qc8++-

[28.Qxb6? leads to mate. Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Rxf1+]

28...Kh7 (-> ...Ne2+) **29.Bd1** 0.15/23

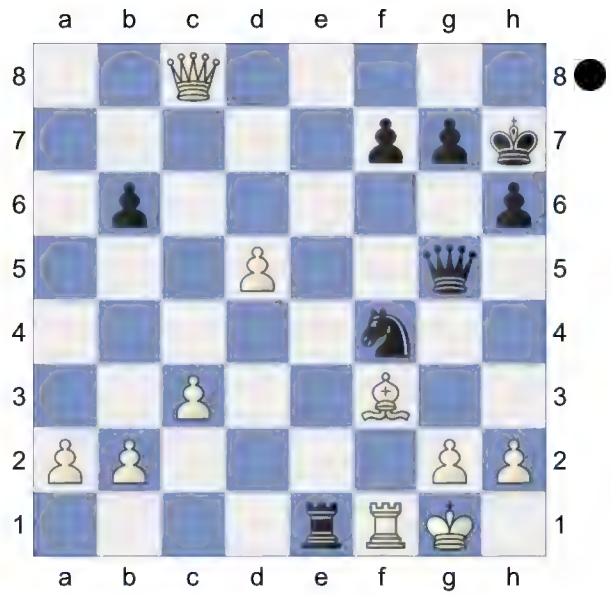
[29.Qf5++- 4.53/24 Kh8 30.g3 *(30.Qxf7?* loses. *Ne2+ 31.Kh1 Ng3+* Pin *32.Kg1 Rxf1+ 33.Qxf1 Nxf1-+)* 30...Nh3+ 31.Kg2 Re2+ 32.Rf2 Rxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Nxf2 34.gxh4]

29...Qg5= Double Attack. Chess con chili. **30.Bf3** -#3/8

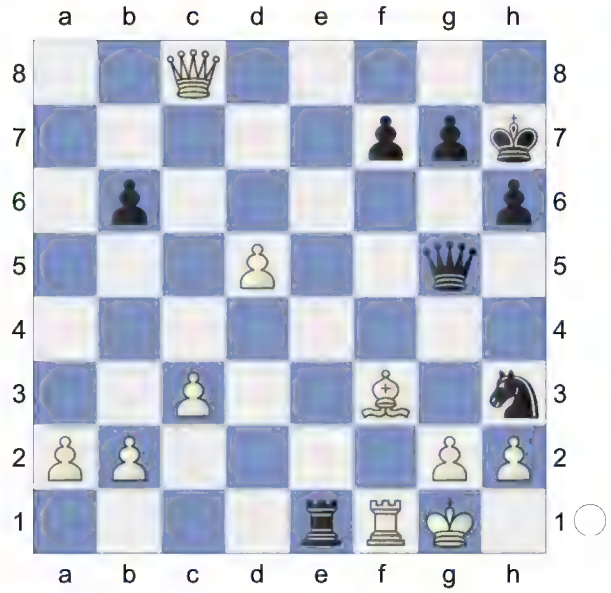
[30.Rxe1? Qxg2#]

[30.Bg4± 0.40/26 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1]

(Diagram)



30...Nh3+!



Back Rank **31.Qxh3 Qe3+**

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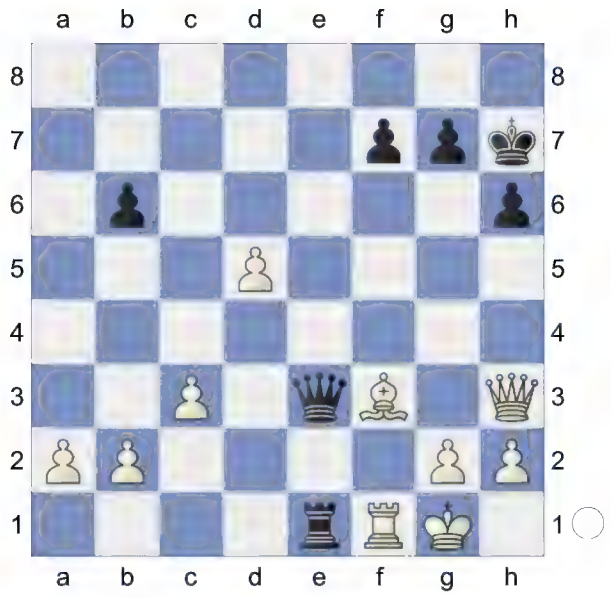


Deflection. Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.50
0-1

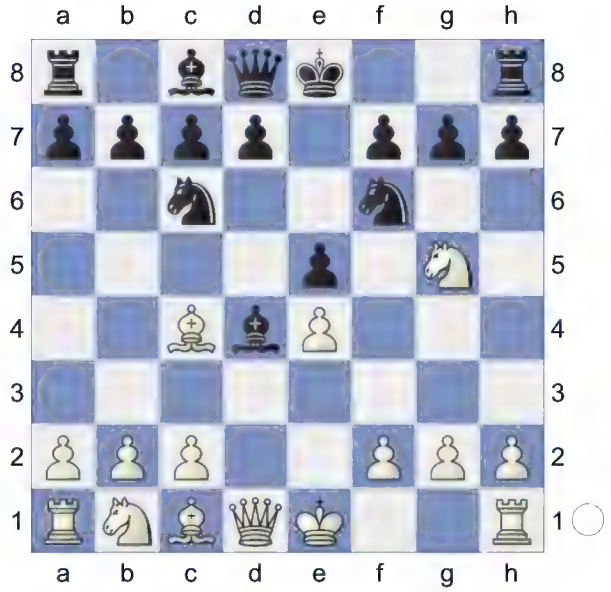
52 **C57**
□ **Feliciano,Nilo**
■ **Araujo,Edson**
TSC Blumenau (1) 1978
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves
Inf 55/(300)[One of six played at Hasting in 1896.] [One of six games played at Cardiff in 1871.] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6N**

[3...Nxe4
A) 4.Nc3 Nxc3 5.dxc3 f6 *(5...d6 6.Nxe5 dxe5 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qxd8 Nc6 9.Qxc7+ Be7 10.Bg5 Re8 11.0-0-0 Kf8 12.f4 Bxg5 13.fxg5 Re7 14.Rd8+ Nxd8 15.Qxd8+ Kf7 16.Rf1+ Ke6 17.c4 Rd7 18.Rf6+ gxf6 19.Qxf6#* 1-0 Blackburne,J-NN blindfold Hastings 1896*)* 6.Nh4 g6 7.f4 Qe7 8.f5 Qg7 9.fxg6 hxg6 10.Qg4 Nc6 11.Qxg6+ Qxg6 12.Nxg6 Rh5 13.g4 Rh3 14.Bf1 Rh7 15.Bd3 Rh3 ½-½ Kuznetsov,I-Potapov,A (2380) Russia 186186 1992 16.0-0 d5 17.Kg2 Rxd3 18.cxd3 Bxg4 19.Rxf6 Bg7 3.g3 b5 4. ♗g2 ♗b7/ 6. ♘a-Hilliard,M Bognor 1961;
B) 4.d3 Nc5 5.Qe2 f6 6.d4 d5 7.Bd3 Nxd3+ 8.cxd3 Bg4 9.dxe5 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 0-0 13.exf6 Re8+ 14.Kd1 Rf8 15.Re1 Rxf6 16.Qe3 Nc6 17.Nf3 Qd6 18.a3 ½-½ (44) Kerr,G-Luettge,S Schachschule Erlangen op 1997 (2)]

[3...d5 4.exd5 Bd6 5.d3 h6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Qe2 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Bd2 Re8 10.Rae1 e4 11.dxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Rxe4 13.Be3 Qf6 14.Bd3 Rae8 15.Bxe4 Rxe4 16.Qd2 Rg4 17.g3 Be4 18.Nd4 1-0 (27) Blackburne,J-Thorold,E blindfold Cardiff 1871]

4.Ng5 Bc5 5.d4 Bxd4 1.43/19
[5...d5= 0.10/20 remains equal. 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4]



6.c3 0.85/19
[6.Bxf7+?! Ke7 7.Bc4 Na5∓]
[⚆6.Nxf7 1.43/19 Bxf2+ 7.Kxf2]
6...Bb6 7.Nxf7 Bxf2+ 8.Kf1 White is better. **8...Qe7 9.Nxh8** And now Bf7+ would win. **9...Bb6 10.b4** 0.09/18
[10.Bf7+± 0.85/18 Kd8 11.Bg5]
10...d5=

(Diagram)

11.exd5

[11.Bxd5 Bg4 12.Bf7+ *(12.Ng6? hxg6 13.Bxc6+ bxc6-+)* 12...Kf8-+]

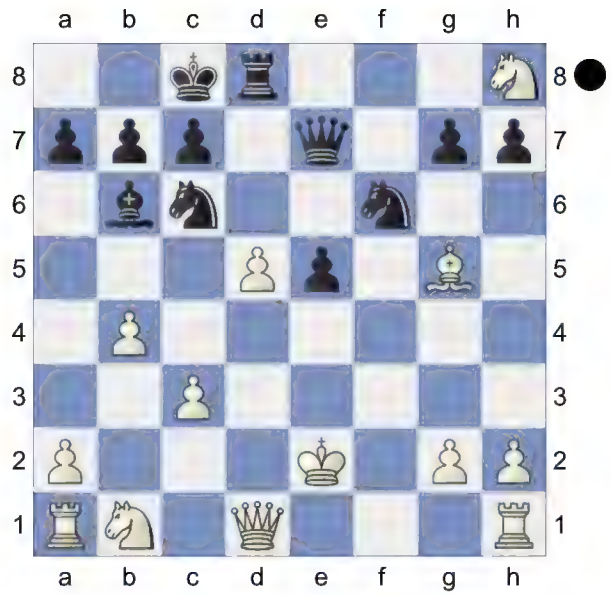
11...Bg4 12.Be2 Bxe2+ 13.Kxe2 -0.76/19

[13.Qxe2= 0.03/20 Nd4 *(13...Nxd5 14.a4±)* 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Bb2 *(15.Ng6 hxg6 16.Bb2 Qxb4∓)* 15...Qxb4 16.Bxd4 Qxd4 17.Qb5+ Kf8 18.Qb3 *(18.Qxb7 Rd8=)*]

13...0-0-0∓ 14.Bg5 -0.82/19

[14.Qd3!= -0.25/18 keeps the balance. Nxd5 *(14...Rxd5 15.Qh3+ Kb8 16.Rd1±)* 15.Qf5+ Kb8 16.g4]

(Diagram)



14...Qd7 0.54/20 Chess con chili. Black is more active.

[14...Rxd5? 15.Qxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxe7+-]

[Better is 14...e4!∓ -0.82/19 ...Ne5 is the strong threat. 15.Qf1 *(15.Nd2 Rxd5 16.Qb3 Rxg5-+)* 15...Qd7 *(15...Rxd5 16.Qf4±)* 16.Bxf6 *(16.dxc6? Qd3+ 17.Ke1 Qd1#)* 16...gxf6]

15.h3? -4.58/22 Loses the game.

[15.dxc6? Qg4+ 16.Kf1 Rxd1#]

[15.Bxf6± 0.54/20 stays ahead. gxf6 16.Ke1 *(16.dxc6? Qg4+* Skewer, Deflection, Double Attack *17.Kf1 Rxd1#)*]

15...Qf5-+

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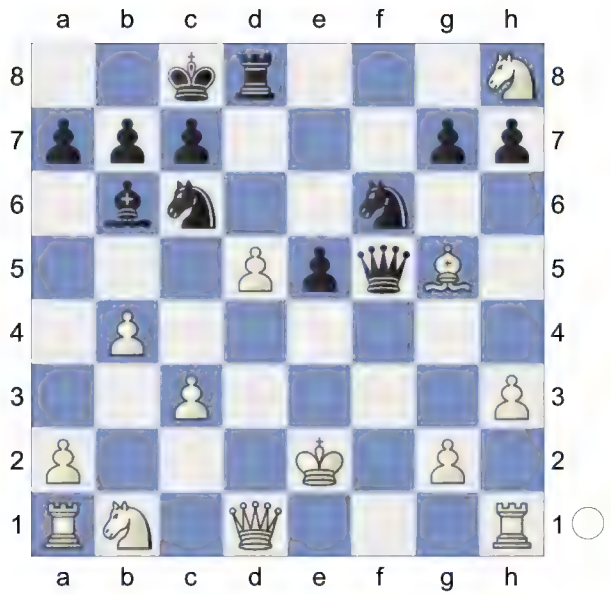
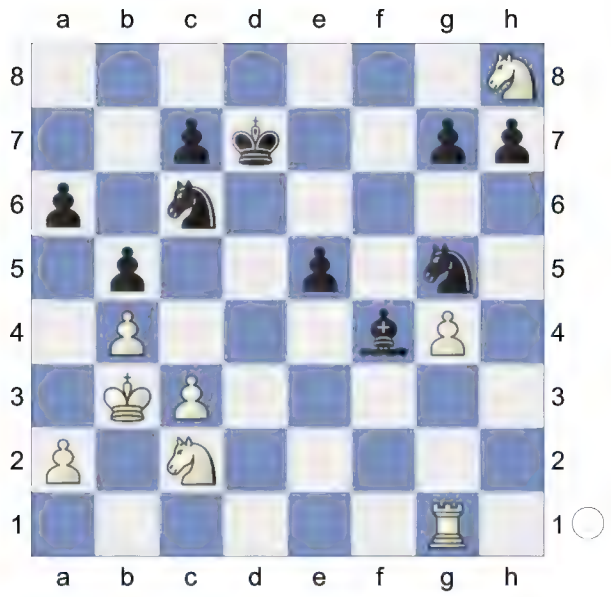


16.Qc1 -6.94/23
[⌓16.Qf1 -4.79/20 Qxg5 17.Nf7 Qe3+ 18.Kd1 Rxd5+ 19.Kc2 Nxb4+ 20.Kb3]
16...Qf2+ 17.Kd1 Rxd5+ -3.05/22
[⌓17...Nxd5 -6.70/21 18.Bxd8 Ne3+ *(18...Nxd8? 19.Qd2+-)* 19.Qxe3 Bxe3]
18.Nd2? -6.48/21
[18.Bd2 -3.05/22 e4 *(18...Qxg2? 19.Re1-+)* 19.Kc2]
18...Ne4 19.Kc2 Nxg5 White is weak on the dark squares **20.Qd1 Qf5+**
[20...Qxg2 21.Qg4+ Qxg4 22.hxg4∓]

(Diagram)

21.Kb2 Be3 22.Rf1 Qd7
[22...Rxd2+? 23.Qxd2-+]
23.Nc4 Bf4 -2.02/21
[⌓23...Rxd1 -4.96/20 24.Raxd1 Qe8 25.Nxe3 Qxh8]
24.Qg4 Qxg4 25.hxg4 b5

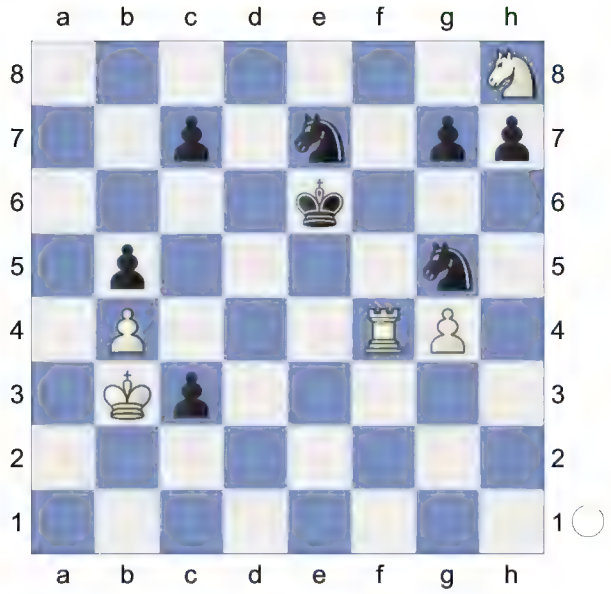
26.Na3 Rd2+ 27.Kb3 Rxg2 28.Rg1 -1.97/24
[28.Nxb5∓ -1.50/22 was forced. Ne4 *(28...Rxg4? 29.Rg1-+)* 29.Rg1]
28...Rxg1 29.Rxg1 a6 30.Nc2 -2.36/22
[30.Rf1∓ -1.60/22 might work better.]
30...Kd7



31.Rf1 Ke6 32.a4 Ne7 33.axb5 axb5 34.Nd4+? -4.85/21

[34.Ra1 -1.68/21 is more resistant.]

34...exd4 35.Rxf4 dxc3



Endgame. KRN-KNN **36.Rf8 Nd5 37.Rf5 c2 38.Rf1** -8.30/27

[38.Kb2 -2.69/26 Nh3 *(38...Ne4? 39.Nf7-+)* 39.Nf7]

38...Ne3 39.Re1

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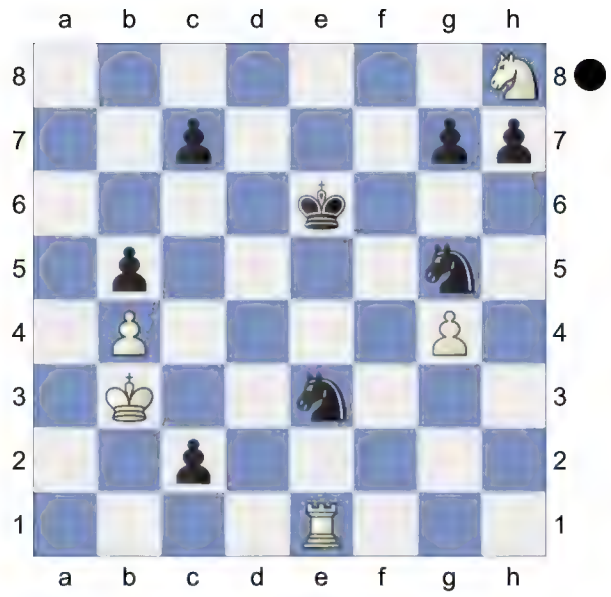
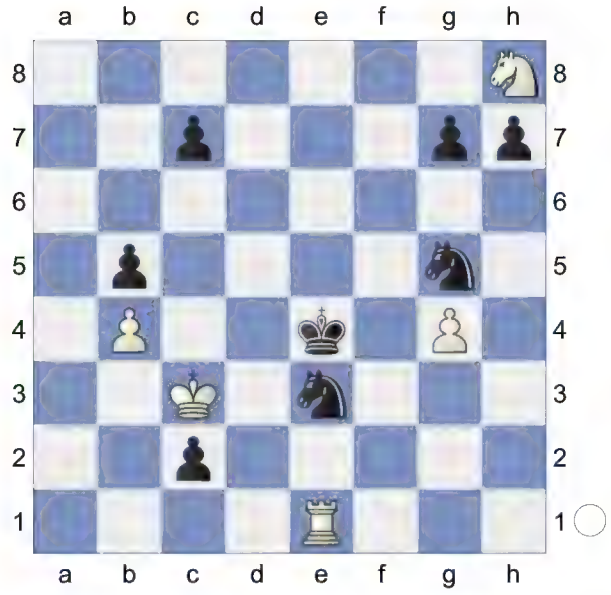


Kd5! 40.Kc3 Ke4



41.Rc1 Kf3 42.Kd3 Kf2 43.Ra1 Ne6

[43...Nxg4? 44.Kxc2 Nf3 *(44...Ne3+ 45.Kd3∓)* 45.Rh1-+]

44.Nf7 Nf4+

[44...Nxg4? 45.Kxc2 Ne3+ 46.Kc1-+]

45.Kd2 Ne2

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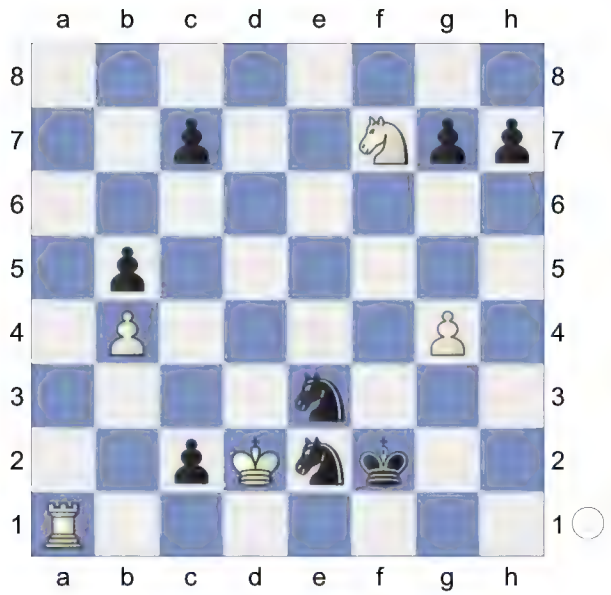

46.Ng5 c1Q+ -3.60/5

[46...Nxg4 47.Nh3+ Kg3 *(47...Kg2 48.Kxe2 Kxh3 49.Rh1+ Kg2 50.Rc1=)* 48.Kxe2 Kxh3 49.Rc1=]

[⌂46...c1R -7.38/27 47.Rxc1 Nxc1 *(47...Nxg4? 48.Nh3+ Kf3 49.Rxc7+-)* 48.Kxc1 Kg3 *(48...Nxg4? 49.Nxh7 Ne5 50.Ng5-+; 48...h6? 49.Ne6-+)*]

47.Rxc1 Nxc1

[47...Nxg4? perishes. 48.Rxc7 Ne5 49.Nh3+ *(49.Nxh7 Nf4±)* 49...Kf3 50.Ng5+ *(50.Rxg7 Nc4+ 51.Kc2 h6±)* 50...Kf2 51.Rxg7+- *(51.Nxh7 Nf4±)*]

48.Kxc1 Nxg4 49.Nxh7 KN-KN

49...Ke3 50.Ng5 c6

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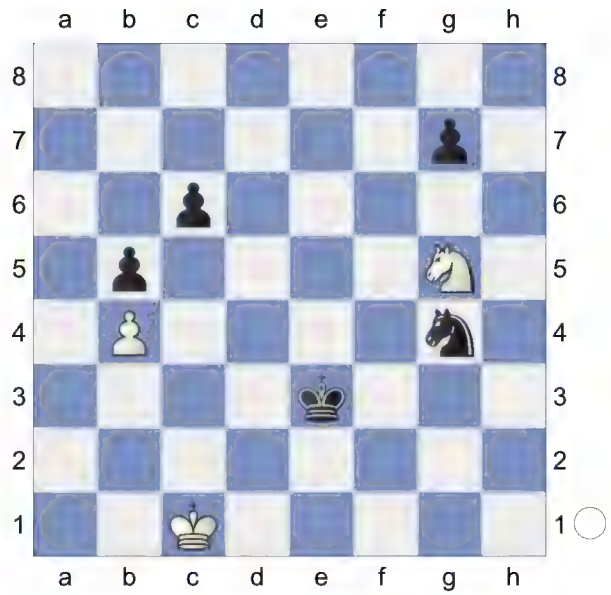
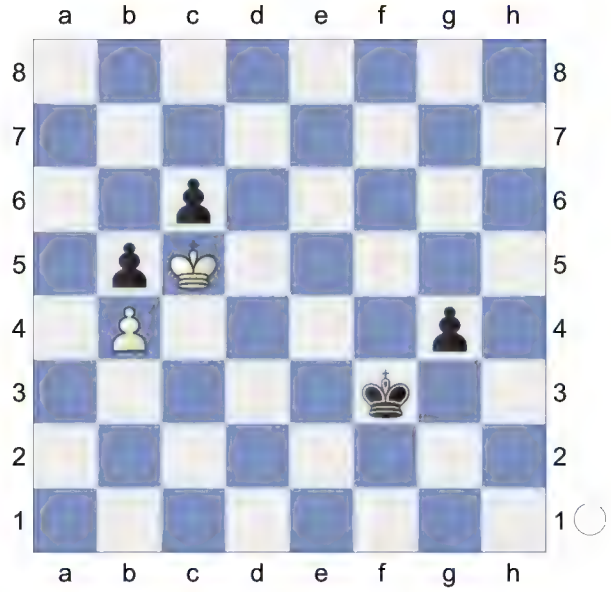


51.Kc2 Ne5 aiming for ...Nf3. **52.Kc3 Nf3 53.Nxf3 Kxf3** KP-KP. Black mates.

54.Kd4 g5 55.Kc5 g4



56.Kxc6 g3 57.Kxb5 KP-KP **57...g2 58.Kc6 g1Q**

[Not 58...g1R 59.b5=]

59.b5 Qc1+ 60.Kb7 Qc5

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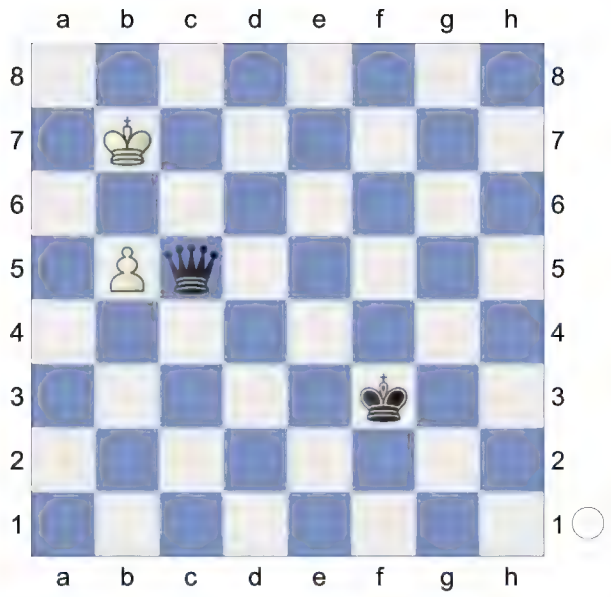
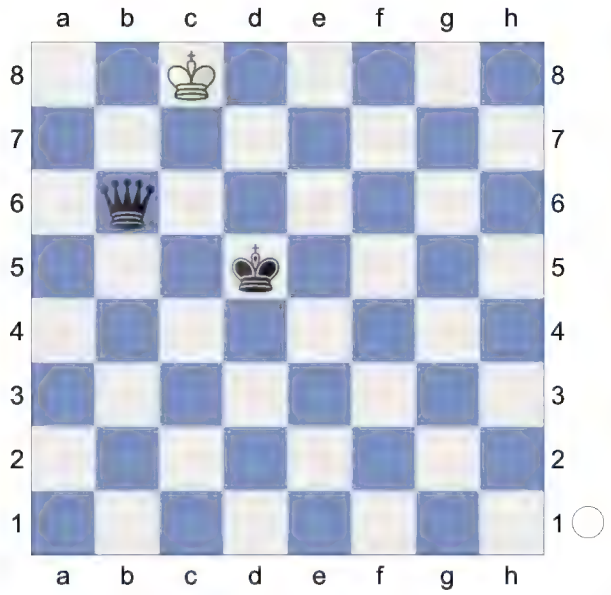


61.b6 Ke4 62.Ka8 Qa5+ 63.Kb7 Kd5 64.Kc8 Qxb6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.81

0-1

53 **C57**
□ **Florian,Juergen**
■ **Hoogervorst,Paul**
EU-ch M201 email 25.07.2002
[Kitty Kat]

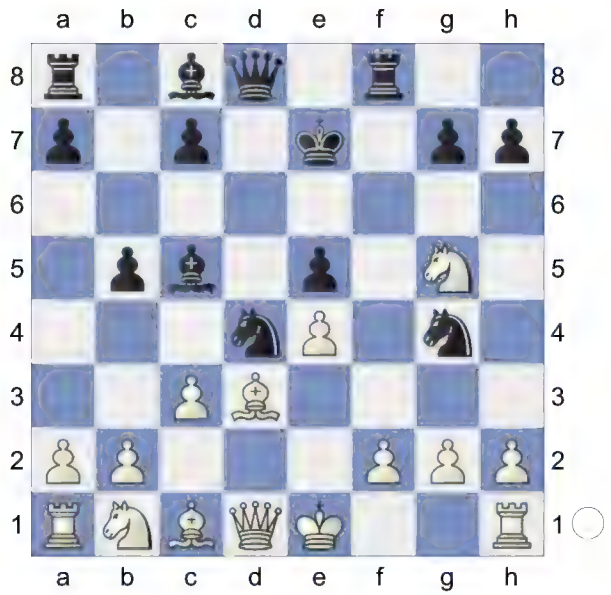
C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4
White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3**
[9.Be2 simplifies h6 10.Nf3 Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 g5 13.Be3]
9...Rf8 0.83/20
[9...h6± 0.41/19 10.c3 Bg4]
10.c3± Ng4

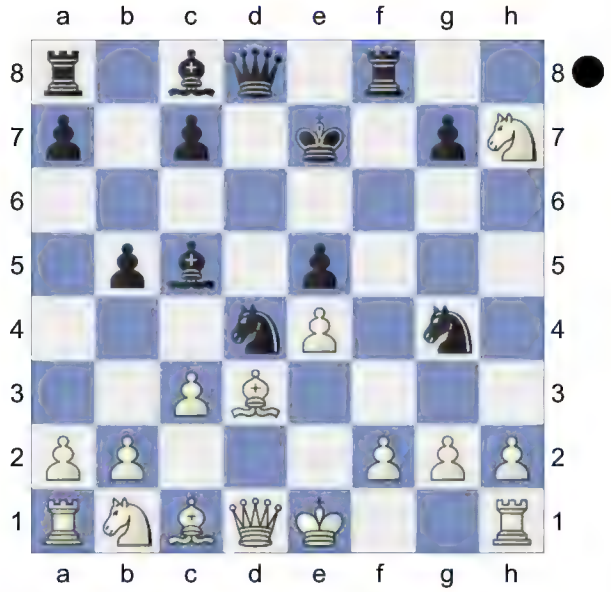
(Diagram)



Discovered Attack **11.Nxh7** -0.10/23

[11.cxd4? Qxd4 *(11...Nxf2 12.Qe2∓)* 12.Qd2 *(12.Bxb5? Qxf2#; 12.0-0? Rxf2 13.Rxf2 Nxf2-+)* 12...Nxf2 *(12...Qxf2+ 13.Qxf2 Nxf2 14.Bxb5-+)* 13.Bxb5 Nxh1 14.Qxd4 Bxd4-+ *(14...exd4 15.Nf3∓)*]

[11.Nh3± 0.90/20]



11...Nf3+= 12.gxf3 Nxf2 13.Bg5+

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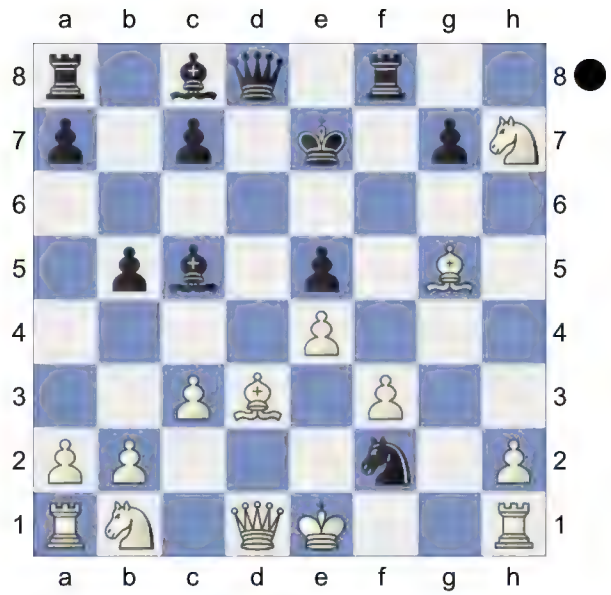


Rf6! 14.Nxf6

[14.Bxf6+? gxf6 15.Qd2 Nxd3+ *(15...Nxh1 16.Qh6=)* 16.Kd1 Nf2+ *(16...Nxb2+? 17.Kc2-+)* 17.Kc2 Qxd2+ *(17...Nxh1? 18.Qh6-+)* 18.Nxd2 Nxh1 19.Rxh1 Be6-+]

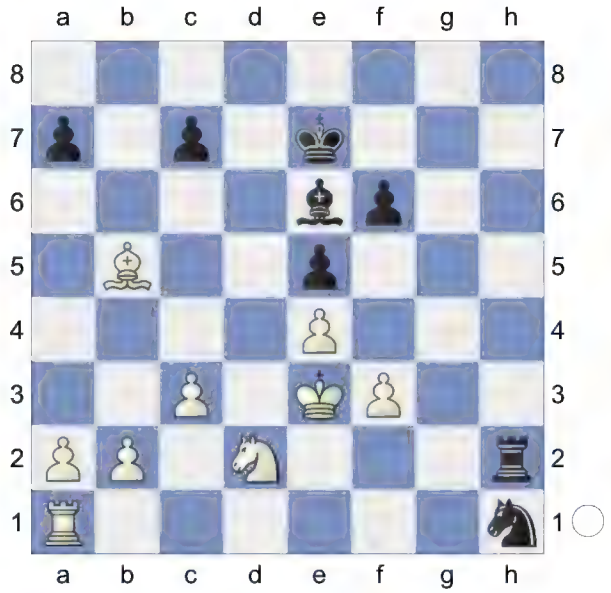
14...gxf6 15.Qd2 Be6 0.93/24

[15...Qxd3 16.Qxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Ke2=]

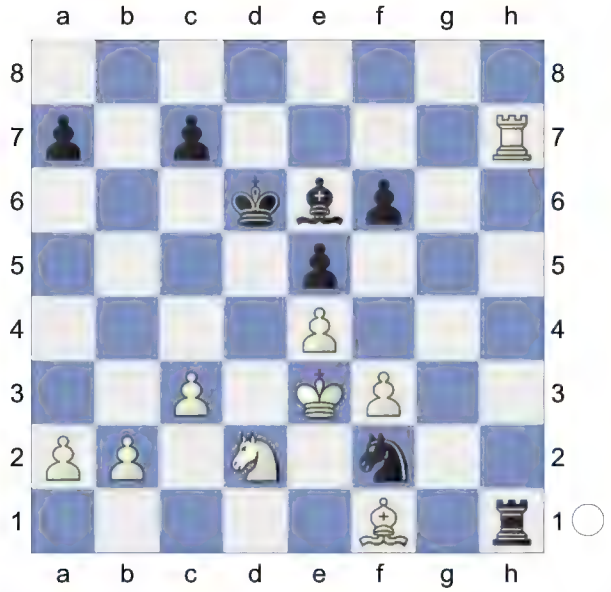
[15...Nxd3+= -0.01/24 remains equal. 16.Ke2 Be6]

16.Bxb5± Black is on the road to losing.

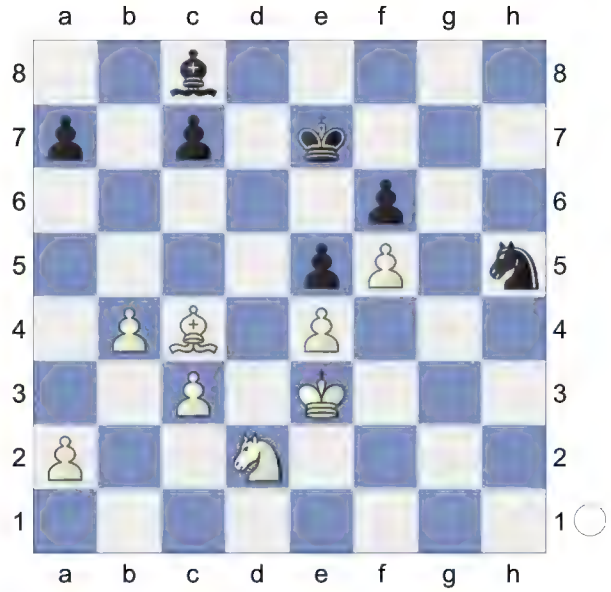
16...Nxh1 17.Be3 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2
[18.Bxd2 Rh8∓]
18...Bxe3+ 1.64/24
[18...Rd8+± 0.81/25 19.Ke2 Bxe3 20.Kxe3 Rd1 *(20...Rh8? 21.Nd2+-)*]
19.Kxe3+- Rh8 20.Nd2 Rxh2



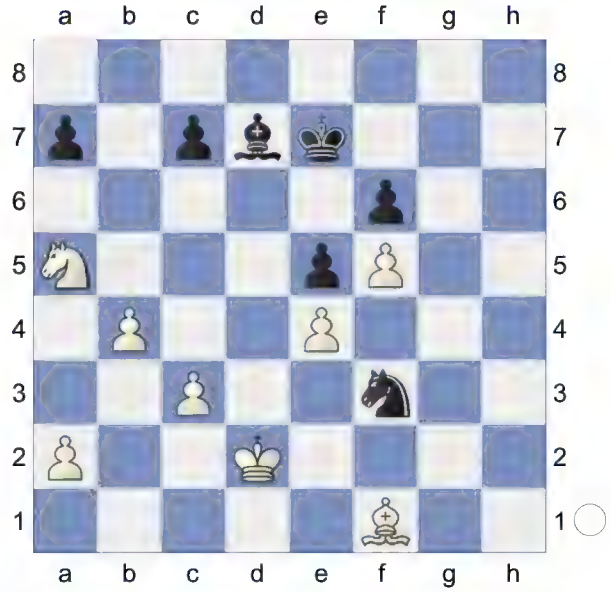
21.Rg1 Inhibits Ng3. **21...Nf2 22.Be2** And now Rg7+ would win. **22...Nh3 23.Rg7+ Kd6 24.Rh7 Rh1 25.Bf1 Nf2**



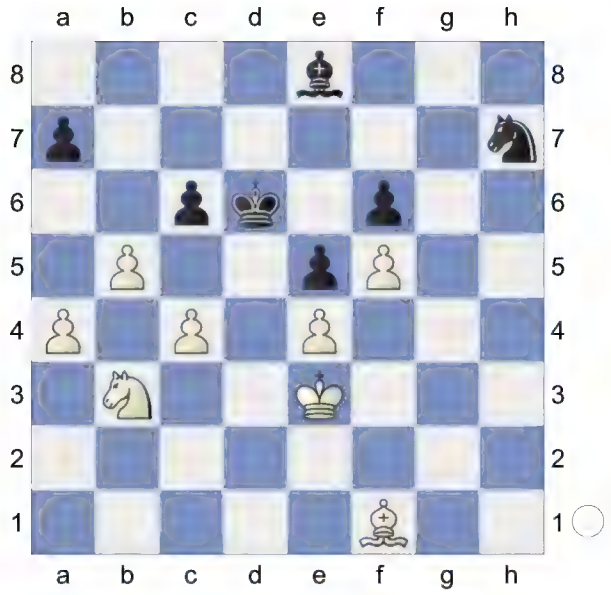
aiming for ...Nd1+. **26.Rxh1 Nxh1** Endgame. KBN-KBN **27.Bc4 Bc8 28.b4 Ng3 29.f4 Ke7** 2.42/26
[⌓29...exf4+ 1.67/23 30.Kxf4 Nh5+ 31.Ke3 Ng3]
30.f5 Nh5



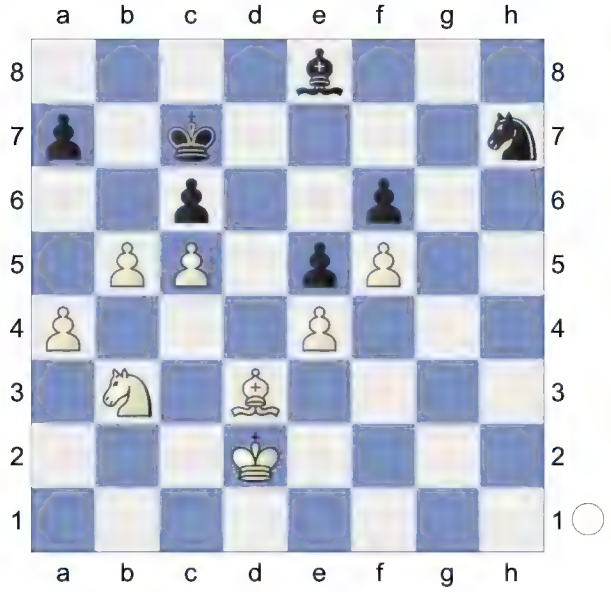
31.Nb3 Bd7 32.Ba6 Nf4 33.Na5 Ng2+ 2.39/24
[33...c5 1.96/23 was called for. 34.b5 *(34.bxc5 Kd8+-)* 34...Be8]
34.Kd2 Nh4 35.Bf1 Ke3 is the strong threat. **35...Nf3+**



36.Ke3 Ng5 37.c4 Be8 38.b5 c6 39.a4 Strongly threatening c5.
[Not 39.Nxc6+ Bxc6 40.bxc6 Kd6=]
[Don't take 39.bxc6?! Kd6±]
39...Kd6 40.Nb3 Nh7



41.c5+ Kc7 42.Bc4 Bh5 43.Be2 Be8 44.Kd2 Ng5 45.Bd3 Nh7

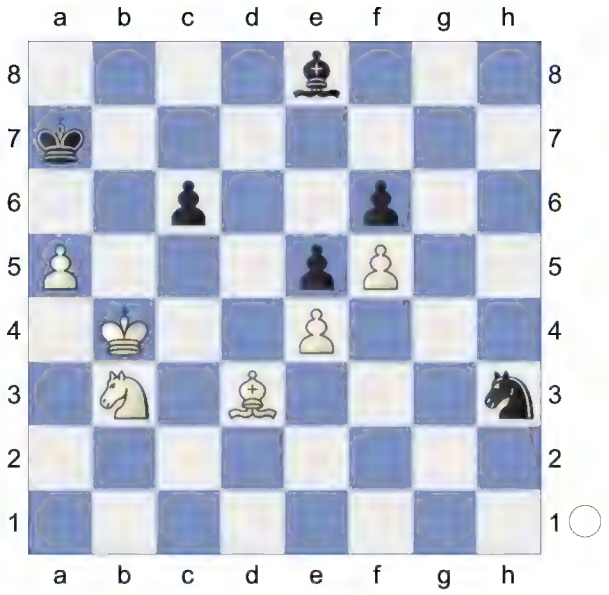


46.b6+ Decoy **46...axb6 47.cxb6+ Kxb6 48.a5+ Ka7** 3.42/26

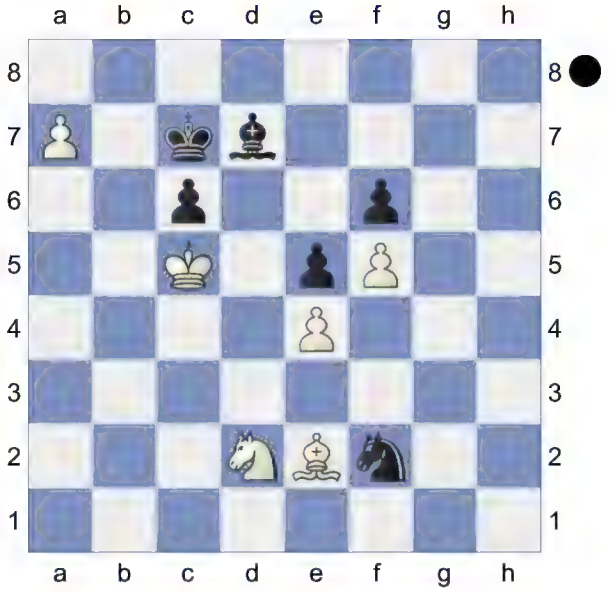
[⌂48...Kc7 2.16/25 49.Nc5 Nf8 50.Ne6+ Nxe6 51.fxe6 Kd6]

49.Kc3 Ng5 50.Kb4 Nh3

(Diagram)



51.Nd2 Nf2 52.Be2 Kb8 53.Kc5 White is clearly winning. **53...Kc7 54.a6 Bd7 55.a7**



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54 **C57**

□ **9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Ra7**

■ **16.Qf3 dc4**

Playoff for place 1 of candidates (8)

[Oim,Sh Riga 6/1979]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

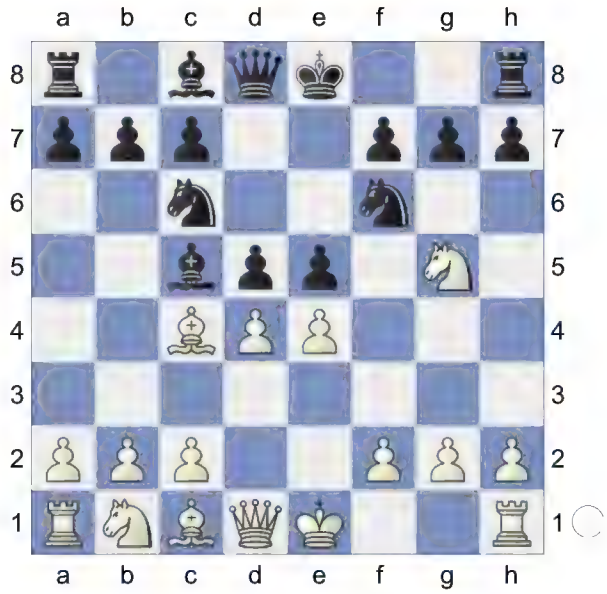
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



6.Bxd5

[6.exd5 -0.43/19 6.Bxd5 0.44 Nxd4]

[6.dxc5 dxc4]

[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]

6...Nxd4

[6...Nxd5 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3! Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 10.b4]

7.Bxf7+

[7.Nxf7 -0.01/21 7.Bxf7+ 0.45 Qe7 Threatens to win with ...Bg4. 8.Nxh8 Bg4

A) 9.f3 -0.48/21 9.Qd2 0.01 Nxd5 10.fxg4 -2.04/23 *(White must play 10.h4!∓ -0.59/19 Nb4 11.Na3)* 10...Qh4+!-+ 11.g3 Qh3! 12.c3 Qg2 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Na3?

-7.38/22 *(14.Rf1* -2.02/20 *Nc2+ 15.Qxc2 Qxc2 16.Nd2)* 14...Qxh1+-+ 15.Kd2 Qxe4;

B) 9.Qd3 Nxd5 10.exd5? -1.78/21 *(10.c3!=* 0.26/21 and White stays safe. *Nf4 11.Bxf4)* 10...Bf5!;

C) 9.Qd2 0-0-0 10.0-0 -0.01/21 *(10.Nc3!±* 0.35/20 *)* 10...c6= 11.Nf7? -1.64/20 *(11.Bc4=* 0.01/20 *)* 11...cxd5-+ 12.Nxd8? -3.69/21 *(12.Ng5* -1.99/19 *)* 12...Nxe4!-+ 13.Qd3 Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Bxf2 15.g3 Repels Qh4 Qf6 16.Kg2 Prevents Bf3+. Nxc1 17.Rxc1 Hoping for Rf1! Qh6;

D) 9.Bf7+

D1) 9...Kd7 1.03/20 9...Kf8 0.01 10.Qd3! Strongly threatening c3! Rxh8 1.04/21 *(10...Be2±* 0.51/20 *11.Qg3 Ba6)* 11.c3 0.37/21 *(11.Bb3±* 1.04/21 *)* 11...Be2!± 12.Qg3 Nc2+? -3.68/22 *(12...Ba6!±* 0.44/20 *13.Qh3+ Kd8 14.cxd4 Bxd4)* 13.Kxe2-+ Nxa1 3.22/19 *(⌓13...Qxf7* 2.27/21 *14.Qd3+ Kc8)* 14.Bc4;

D2) 9...Kf8 10.Qd3! Be2

D2a) 11.Qg3? -2.06/22 11.Qh3 -0.01 Nxe4 12.Qh3? -4.18/21 *(12.Ng6+* -1.98/20 *hxg6 13.Qxg6)* 12...Qf6-+ 13.Be3 Nxc2+ 14.Kxe2 Qa6+ 15.Kd1 Nxe3+ 16.Kc1 Nxf2;

D2b) 11.Qh3 And now Bg5 would win. 11...Bg4!

D2b1) 12.Ng6+? -4.06/22 12.Qd3 0.01 hxg6 13.Qh8+ -1.97/5 *(13.Qd3* -3.52/20 only move. *Rd8 14.Bd5 Nxd5 15.exd5)* 13...Kxf7-+ 14.Qxa8 Nxc2+ 15.Kf1 Qd6 16.Nc3 Qd4 17.Be3 Nxe3+ 18.Kg1 Nd1 19.Nxd1 Bxd1;

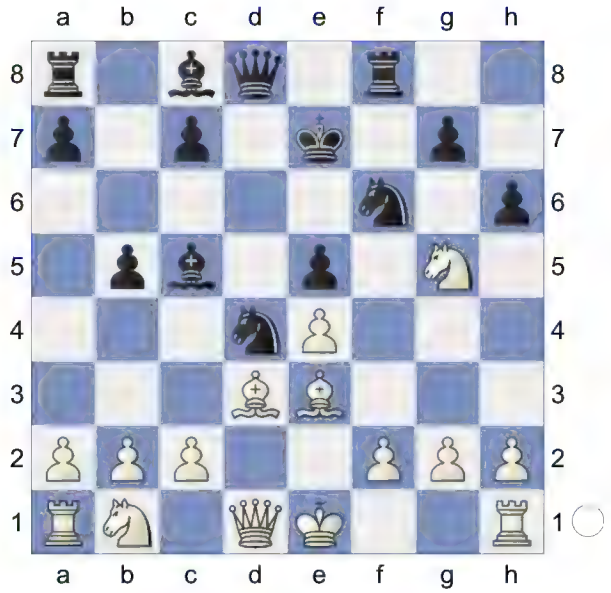
D2b2) 12.Qd3! Be2]

7...Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better.

8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 0.74/18

[9...h6± 0.35/18]

10.Be3 h6



11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.h3

[13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.0-0 Bxb2 15.Rb1 Bc3 16.Rxb5 Bxd2 17.Qxd2 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nh5 2.13/20 *(18...a6±* 1.52/19 is a better defense. *19.Ra5 Nh5)* 19.Qc3]

13...Nxf3+ 14.gxf3

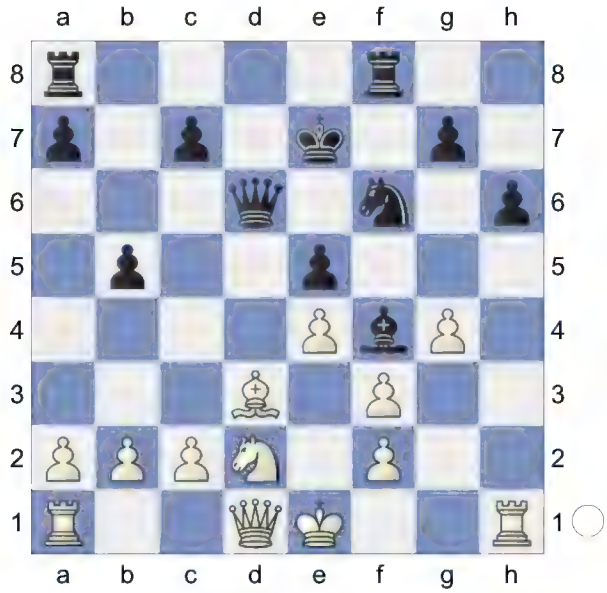
[14.Nxf3 Bxc5 is the strong threat. Bxf3 1.26/22 *(14...Bxe3±* 0.56/19 *15.fxe3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nh5)* 15.Qxf3± Nd5 16.Qg3 Bb4+ 1.96/22 *(16...Nxe3±* 1.25/22 *17.fxe3 a6)* 17.Ke2!+- Nf4+ *(17...Nxe3* 2.11/21 17...Nf4+ 1.35 *18.fxe3)* 18.Kf1 0.69/19 *(18.Bxf4±* 1.22/22 *Rxf4 19.Qxg7+ Rf7 20.Qg3)* 18...Bc5± *(18...Nxd3* 1.27/22 18...Bc5 0.78 *19.cxd3 Qxd3+ 20.Kg1 Qxe4 21.Qxg7+ Rf7 22.Qg4! Qxg4 23.hxg4)* 19.Kg1]

14...Bxe3 15.hxg4

[15.fxe3 Be6 16.Qe2 a6 17.0-0-0

Bxa2 1.06/20 *(17...c5!± 0.58/20* deserves consideration.*)* 18.Rhg1 g5 1.45/21 *(⌓18...Rg8* 0.91/19 *)* 19.f4]
[15.fxg4? Bxf2+ 16.Ke2 *(16.Kxf2? Nxe4+ 17.Ke1 Nf2-+)* 16...Qd4-+]

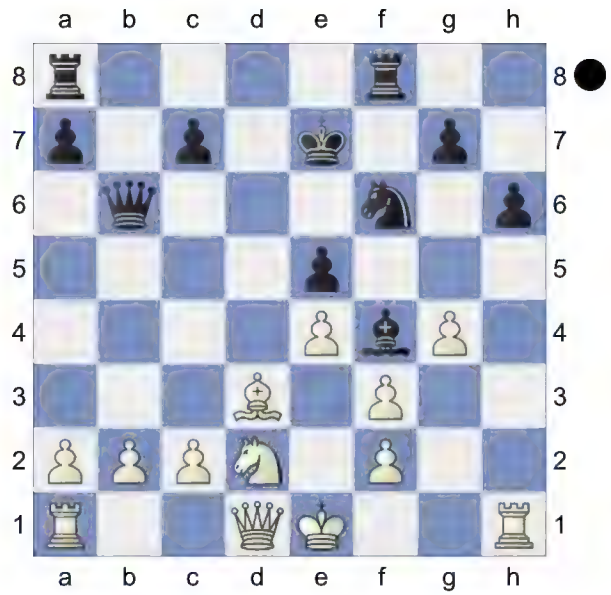
15...Bf4



16.Bxb5 -0.01/22
[16.Qe2 0.54/22 16.a4 0.93 Nh7 17.0-0-0 0.22/22 *(17.Nb3!±* 0.84/20 *)* 17...Ng5= 18.Kb1 Bxd2 19.Rxd2 Nxf3 20.Rdd1 a6 21.Bxb5 -1.17/23 *(21.c3=* -0.01/18 *)* 21...Nd4]
[16.a4± 0.81/21]

16...Qb6= 17.Bd3 -1.01/20
[17.Qe2 White wants to play Nb3. Bxd2+! 18.Kxd2 Rad8+ 19.Ke1 *(19.Kc1* aiming for a4. *Rb8!)* 19...Nh7]
[17.Qe2= -0.01/23]

(Diagram)



17...Nxg4!∓ Black is much more active. White is weak on the dark squares

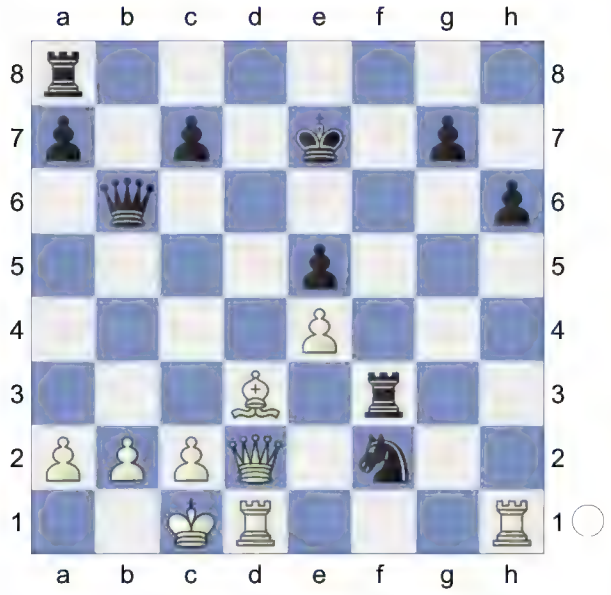
18.Qe2 -1.31/20
[18.fxg4 -1.54/19 18.Rf1 -0.78

Bg3! 19.0-0? -12.41/21 *(19.Qc1* -2.32/23 *Rxf2 20.Kd1)* 19...Rxf2]
[18.fxg4? perishes. Bg3 19.Qe2 *(19.fxg3? Qf2#)* 19...Rxf2-+ *(19...Bxf2+? 20.Kd1+-)*]
[Better is 18.Rf1 -0.87/25 Bxd2+ 19.Qxd2 Rxf3 *(19...Qxb2 20.Ke2=)* 20.0-0-0]

18...Bxd2+ Remove Defender, Deflection **19.Qxd2** -1.62/20
[19.Kxd2 Nxf2 20.Rhb1 *(20.Rhf1?*

-2.87/19 20.Rhb1 -1.33 *Nxd3 21.cxd3 Qxb2+)* 20...Rad8]
[19.Kxd2∓ -1.23/23 was worth a try. Nxf2 20.Rhb1 *(20.Rhg1? Nxd3 21.cxd3 Qxb2+ 22.Ke3 Qd4+ 23.Kd2 Rab8-+)*]

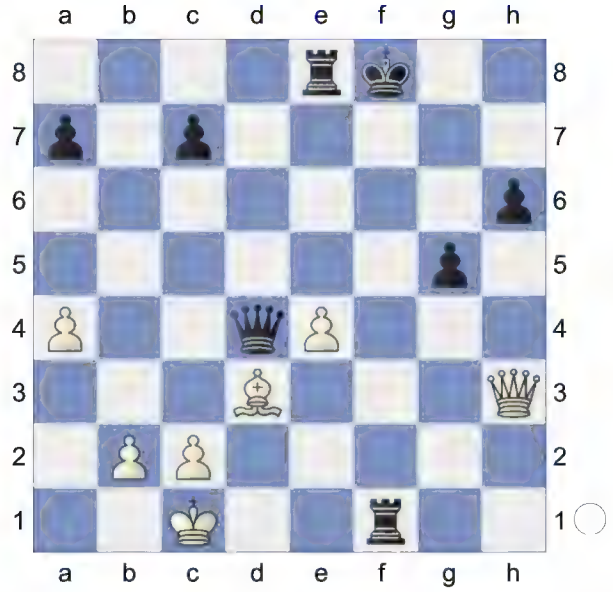
19...Rxf3→ White is in trouble. **20.0-0-0** Be2 would now be deadly. **20...Nxf2**



21.Qc3
[21.Rhf1 -2.12/21 21.Qc3 -1.24 Rd8]
21...Nxh1 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 24.Qh5 Rf6 25.a4 -2.27/21
[25.Qd5∓ -1.41/20]
25...g5

(Diagram)

26.Qh3 -2.11/22
[26.Kb1∓ -1.46/21 was necessary.]
26...Qd4 27.Rf1 -3.40/24
[⌓27.Kb1 -2.34/21]
27...Rxf1+



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55 **C57**
□ **10.e5 cd4 11.♘b5 ab5**
■ **Andersson,Mats**
Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1996
[Bauer]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
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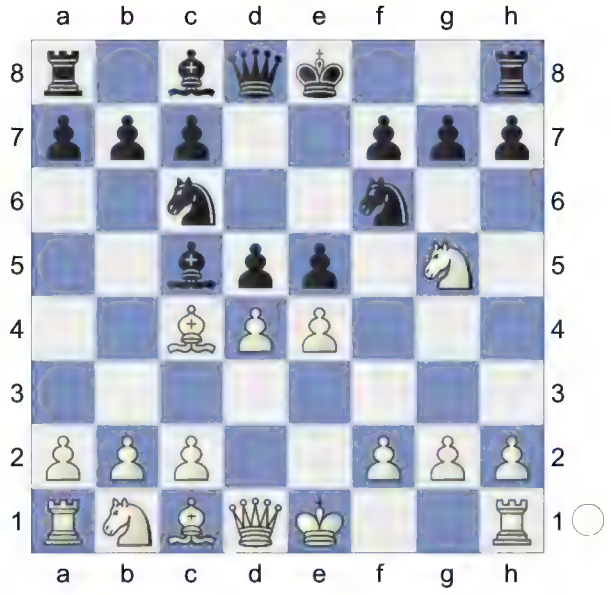
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5
[5...Nxd4 6.Nxf7 Qe7 7.Nxh8 d5! 8.c3 Bg4 1.03/21 *(8...dxc4± 0.55/21* deserves consideration. *9.cxd4 Bxd4)* 9.f3!± Nxe4 1.46/20 *(⌓9...Nxf3+ 1.00/20 10.gxf3 Nxe4 11.Bb5+ c6)* 10.cxd4± Qh4+ 11.g3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 0.87/24 *(⌓12.Bg5 1.36/21 Qxg5 13.hxg3 dxc4 14.Qd2)* 12...Qxh1+ 13.Bf1 Bh3 14.Qe2 Bxd4 15.Nc3!]
[5...exd4 6.Nxf7 Qe7 7.Nxh8 Qxe4+ 8.Qe2]



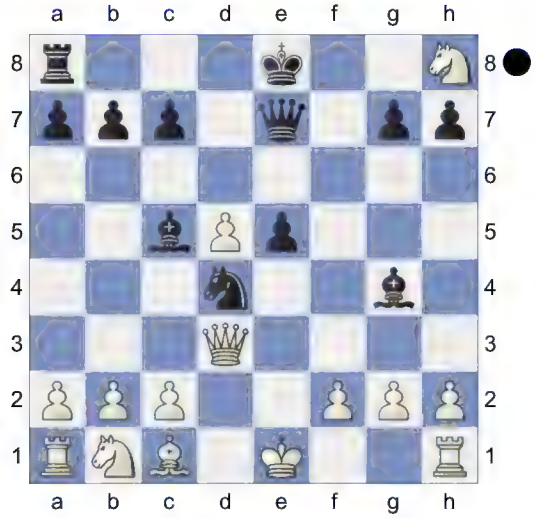
6.Bxd5
[6.exd5 -0.44/19 6.Bxd5 0.33 Nxd4 7.c3 Nf5]
6...Nxd4

[6...Nxd5]

7.Bxf7+

[7.Nxf7 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bg4

A) 9.Qd3 -0.85/20 9.Qd2 0.48 Nxd5 10.exd5 -1.77/21 *(10.c3∓ -0.85/20 Nf4 11.Bxf4)*



10...Bf5!-+ 11.Qg3 Nxc2+ 12.Ke2 Nxa1 13.Bg5 -2.64/19 *(13.Be3* -1.86/19 was called for.*)* 13...Qf8? -0.69/20 *(13...Qd7-+* -2.64/19 Strongly threatening ...Qb5+. *14.Nc3 Nc2)* 14.Nc3? -2.68/20 *(14.Rc1!∓* -0.69/20 *Kd7 15.Nf7 Qxf7 16.Rxc5 Bxb1 17.Qxe5)* 14...Nc2-+ 15.Rc1 Nd4+ 16.Kf1 Bd6 White must now prevent ...h6! 17.Re1? -3.28/19 *(17.f4* -1.76/20 *)* 17...Kd7-+ 18.Rxe5? -6.36/21 *(18.Ne2* -3.27/19 *Nxe2 19.Rxe2 Qxh8 20.Qb3)* 18...Bxe5-+ 19.Qxe5 Bd3+;

B) 9.Qd2!?;

C) 9.Qd2 Nxd5 10.exd5 Bf5 11.0-0 Nxc2 12.g4 Nd4 13.Kg2 *(13.Qd1 Bc2)* 13...Be4+ 14.f3 Bxd5 15.Nc3 Bc4 16.Re1 0-0-0 17.Qg5 Qf8 18.Be3 Qxf3+ 19.Kg1 Qh3 20.Qh5 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Nh4;

D) 9.f3 Nxd5 10.fxg4? -2.08/23 Wards off Nb4 *(10.h4!∓* -0.33/21 *Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.c3)* 10...Qh4+-+ 11.Kd2? -6.78/22 *(11.g3* -2.45/21 *Qh3 12.Kd2 Qg2+ 13.Kd3 Nb4+ 14.Kc3)* 11...Qf2+-+ 12.Kd3 Nb4+ 13.Kc3 0-0-0 14.Nd2 Qe3+ 15.Kc4 b5+ 16.Kxc5 Na6#]

7...Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better.

8...b5 9.Bd3

[9.Be2 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4 11.Nxe5? -1.33/19 *(11.Be3±* 0.45/20 stays ahead.*)* 11...Nxf2!∓ 12.Kxf2 Hoping for Be3. Nc6+ -0.01/19 *(*Black should play *12...Qd6!∓* -1.01/19 *13.Nd3 Nxc2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *14.Nxc5 Qxc5+ 15.Kg3 Rd8)* 13.Ke1 Nxe5 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8]

9...Rf8

[9...h6 10.Nf3 Ng4 ...Nxf3+ would now be deadly. 11.Rf1 Qd6 12.h3 Nxf3+! 13.gxf3 Nh2 ...Rf8 is the strong threat. *(13...Nf6)* 14.Rg1! aiming for Rg2. *(14.Rh1?* -1.33/18 14.Rg1 0.30*)* 14...Qf6! 15.Rg3 Rf8 16.Nd2 g5]

10.Be3 h6

11.Nf3 Bg4

[11...Ng4]

12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.Bxd4

[13.h3 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxe3 15.hxg4 Bf4 0.82/19 *(15...Bd4±* 0.42/19 should be considered.*)* 16.Bxb5 -0.07/22 *(16.Qe2±* 0.82/19 *)* 16...Qb6= 17.Bd3 -0.49/20 *(17.Qe2=* 0.12/19 *)* 17...Nxg4!∓ 18.Qe2 -1.32/21 *(18.Rf1!∓* -0.54/23 *Nh2 19.Nc4)* 18...Bxd2+∓ 19.Qxd2 -1.57/19 *(⌓19.Kxd2* -1.08/22 *Nxf2 20.Rhb1)* 19...Rxf3∓ 20.0-0-0 And now Be2 would win. Nxf2 21.Qc3 Nxh1 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 24.Qh5 Rf6 25.a4 -2.11/21 *(25.Kb1* -1.61/19 was worth a try.*)* 25...g5 26.Qh3 -2.19/20 *(26.Kb1∓* -1.59/19 *)* 26...Qd4-+ 27.Rf1 -3.38/23 *(27.Kb1* -2.19/20 is a better defense.*)* 27...Rxf1+-+ 28.Qxf1+ Kg7]

13...Bxd4 14.Rb1 0.01/19

[14.Bxb5?! Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Qc5+ 16.Ke1 Qxb5=]

[Better is 14.0-0± 1.09/19]

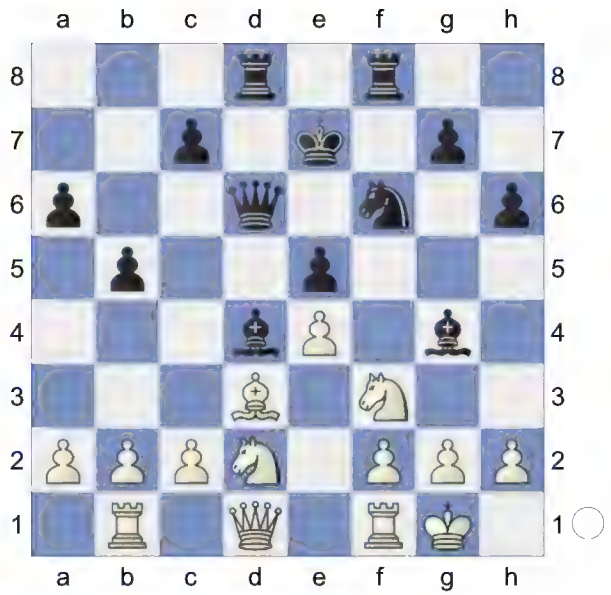
14...a6 0.67/18

[14...Nh5= 0.01/19]

15.0-0 Rad8 0.95/18

[15...Bb6⩲ 0.48/17]

(Diagram)



16.h3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3

[Of course not 17.Qxf3 g6⩲]

17...g5 18.Qe2 0.77/18

[⌓18.a4 1.23/18]

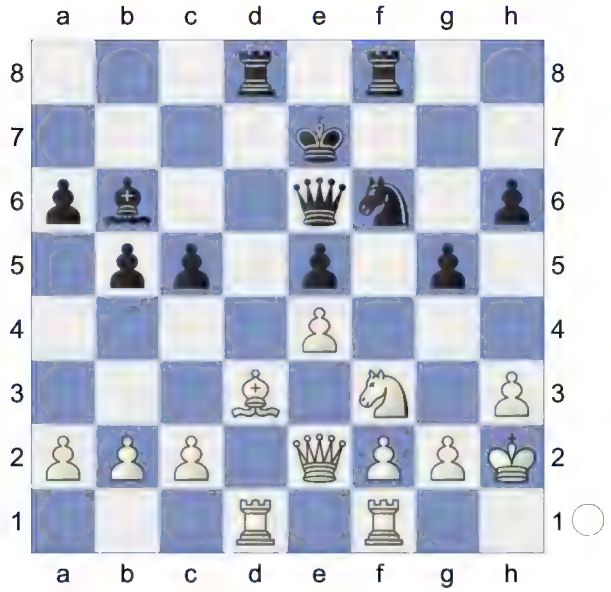
18...Bb6 19.Rbd1 0.69/19

[19.Nh2± 1.10/17]

19...Qe6 1.48/19

[19...Nh5⩲ 0.69/19]

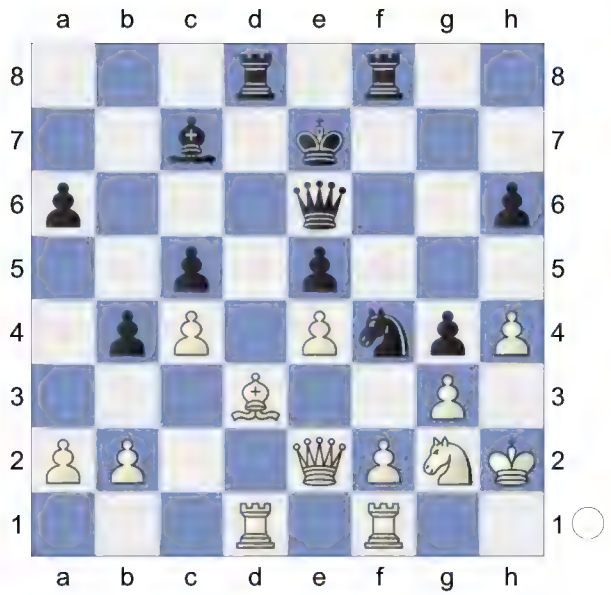
20.Kh2± c5



21.c4 b4 22.g3 Bc7 23.Ne1 g4 24.h4 Nh5 25.Ng2 0.90/22

[25.Nc2+- 1.72/19]

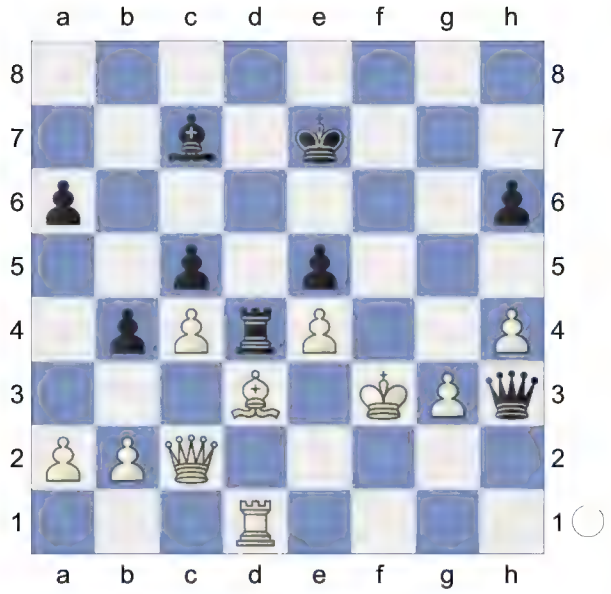
25...Nf4



White is better. **26.Qc2**

[26.gxf4 exf4 27.e5 f3∓]

26...Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Rd4 28.f3 gxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Rxf3 30.Kxf3 Qh3



31.Qg2 Qd7 32.Qe2 Qh3 33.Qg2
-0.01/35

[White should try 33.Qe3± 0.92/21]

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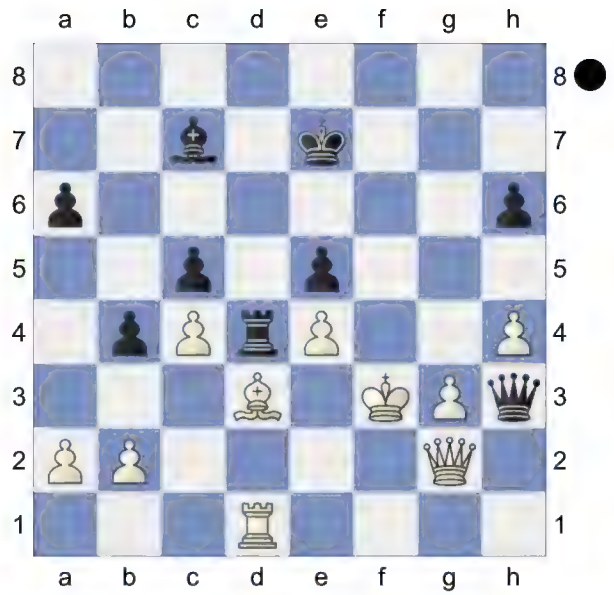

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56 **C57**
□ **Beshara,Nadi**
■ **Terhorst,Jochen**
Cairo op (3) 1996
[Kitty Kat]

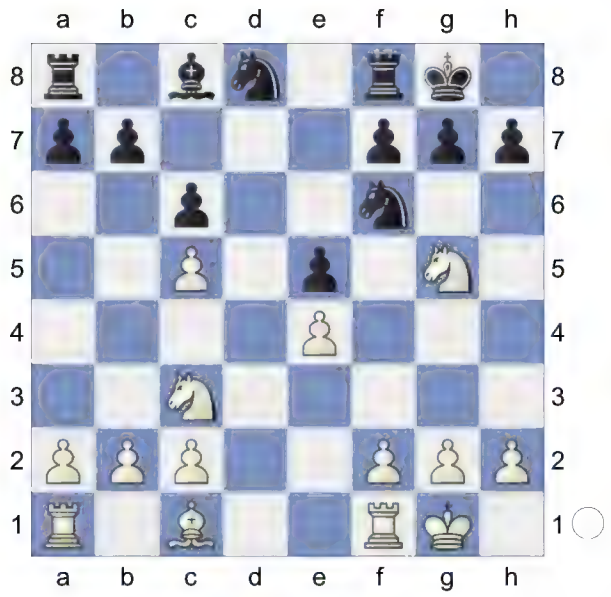
C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

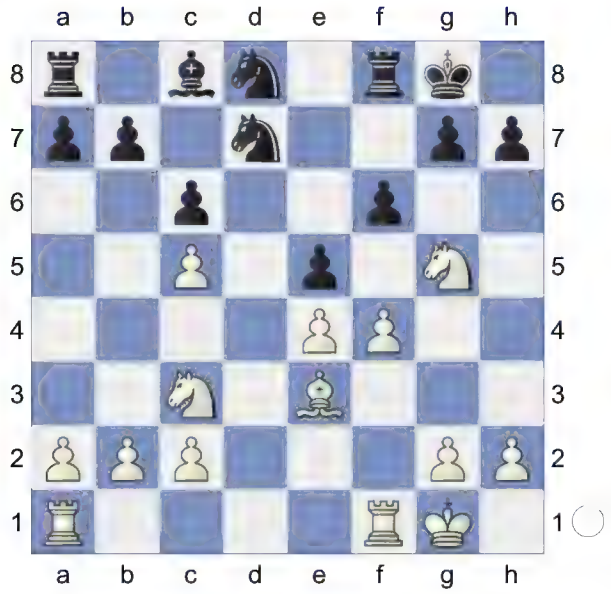
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!

6.Bxd5
[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]
6...Nxd5 7.dxc5 Nf6 8.Qxd8+ White is slightly better. **8...Nxd8 9.Nc3 c6** 1.29/20
[⚠9...h6 0.87/18]
10.0-0 0-0

(Diagram)



11.f4 0.82/19
[⌓11.Nf3 1.18/20]
11...Nd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **12.Be3 f6**



Threatens to win with ...exf4. **13.Nf3 exf4 14.Bxf4 Re8 15.b4 Nf7**

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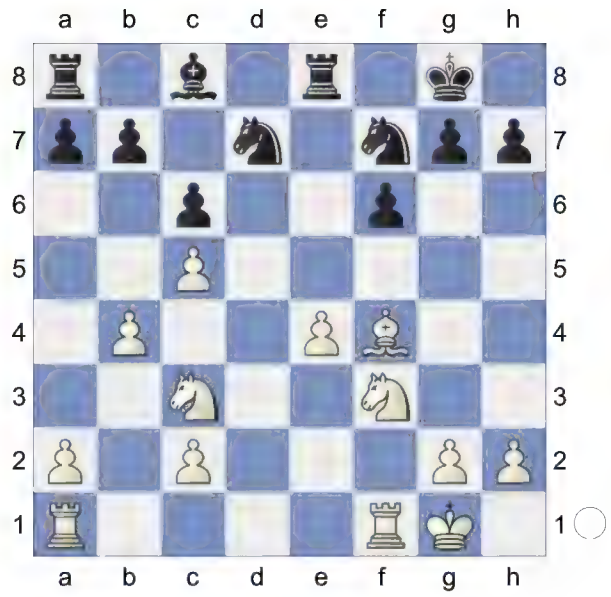
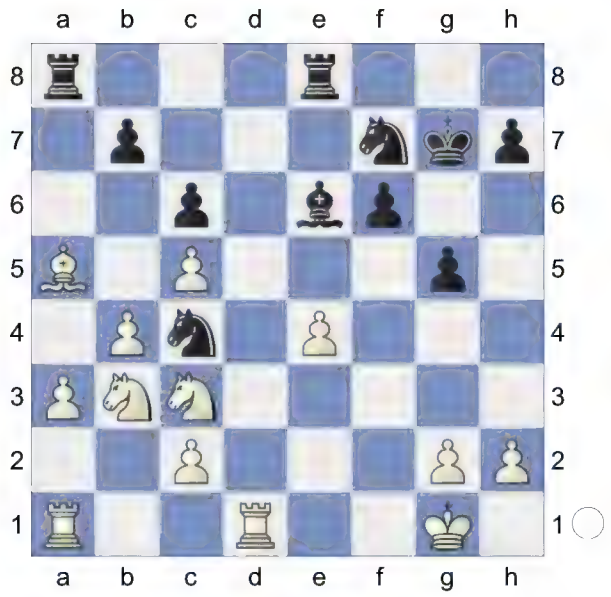


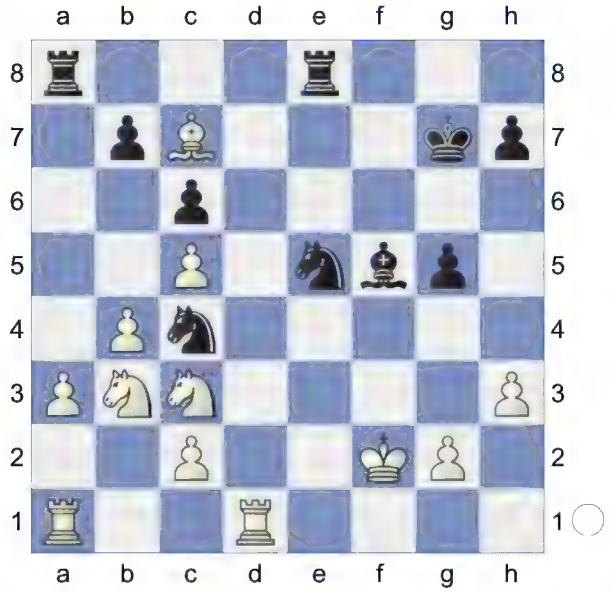
16.Rfd1 a5 17.a3 g5 1.23/20
[⌓17...Nf8 0.82/20]
18.Bc7± Kg7 19.Nd4 White has more active pieces. **19...Nde5 20.Bxa5**
[Don't take 20.bxa5 Nc4±]
20...Nc4

21.Nb3 0.81/20
[⌓21.Bc7 1.31/20]
21...Be6 1.74/18
[21...h5± 0.81/20]

(Diagram)



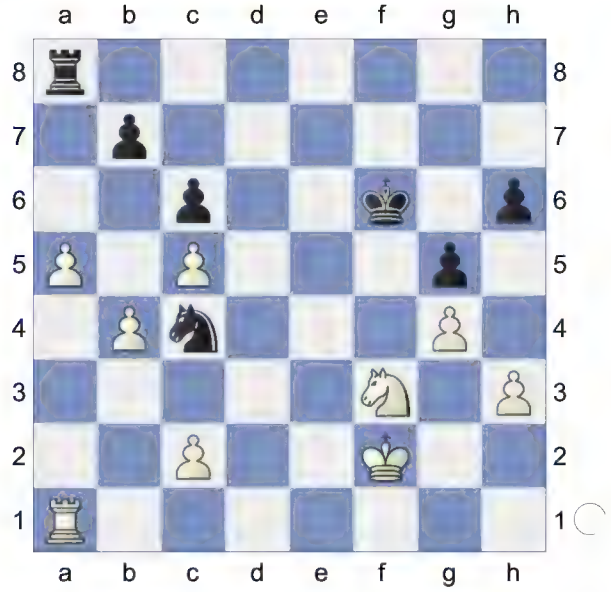
22.Kf2 0.73/20
[22.Re1!+- 1.74/18]
22...Nfe5 23.h3 0.44/18 Repels Ng4+
[23.a4± 0.81/18]
23...f5 1.40/19
[23...g4± 0.44/18]
24.Bc7 Bc8 2.12/19
[24...g4± 1.36/18]
25.exf5+- Bxf5



26.Nd4 Bg6 27.Re1 Kf6 28.Bxe5+ Nxe5 29.Ne4+ Bxe4 30.Rxe4 Nc4

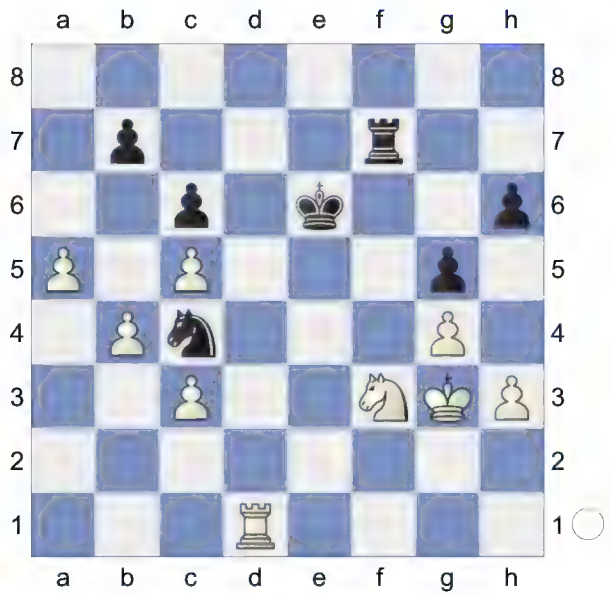
(Diagram)

31.Rxe8 Rxe8 Endgame. KRN-KRN
32.a4 Ra8 3.75/22
[32...Re4 2.38/20 was called for.]
33.a5 Ke5 34.Nf3+ Kf6 35.g4 h6

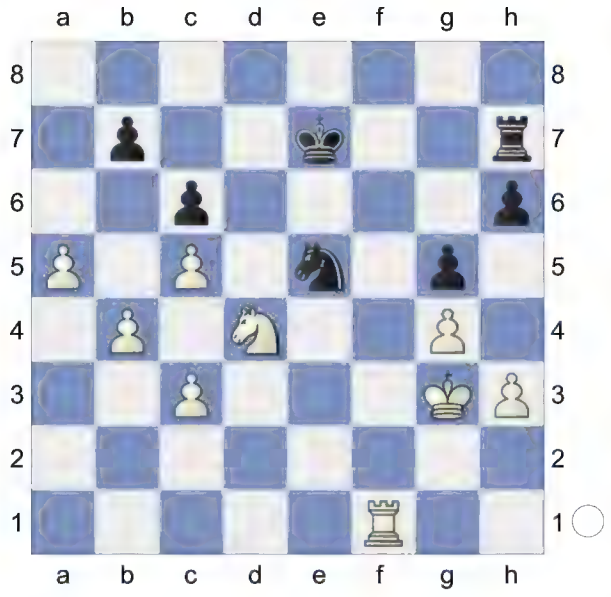


36.c3 Ke6 37.Rd1 Rf8 38.Ke2 Re8 6.97/23
[⌓38...Ke7 4.32/22 39.Nd4 Kd7 40.Nb5+ Kc8 41.Nd6+ Nxd6 42.Rxd6 Rh8]
39.Kf2? -0.01/18
[39.Rd4+- 6.97/23]
39...Rf8= This costs Black the game.
40.Kg3 Hoping for Rd4. **40...Rf7** 7.81/25

[⌂40...Ke7 4.68/21 41.h4 Kf6 42.hxg5+ hxg5]



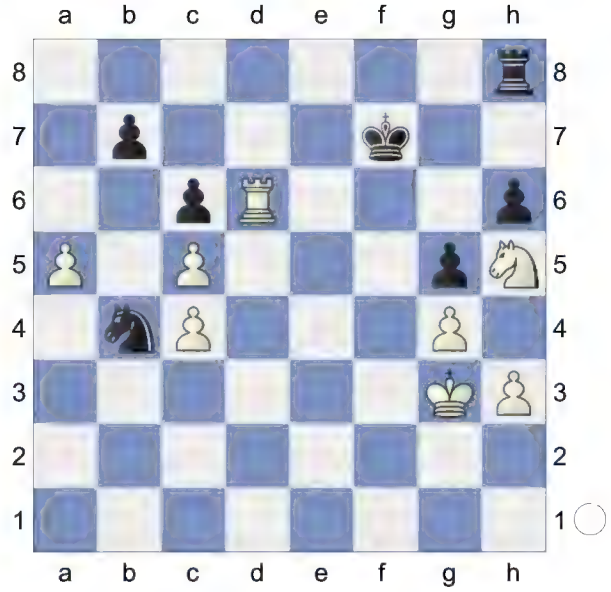
41.Nd4+ Ke5 42.Nf5 Rh7 43.Re1+ Kf6 44.Nd4 Ne5 45.Rf1+ Ke7



46.Nf5+ Ke6 47.Rd1 Nf7 48.Re1+ Ne5 49.Nd6 Kf6 50.c4 Nd3

(Diagram)

51.Ne4+ Kg6 52.Rd1 Nxb4 53.Rd6+ Kg7 54.Nf6 Rh8 55.Nh5+ Kf7

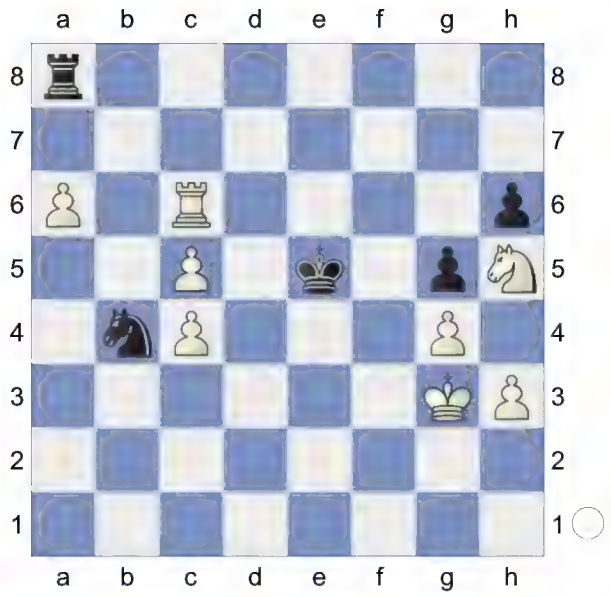


56.Rd7+ Ke6 57.Rxb7 Nd3 58.Rc7 Ke5 59.Rxc6 Ra8 60.a6

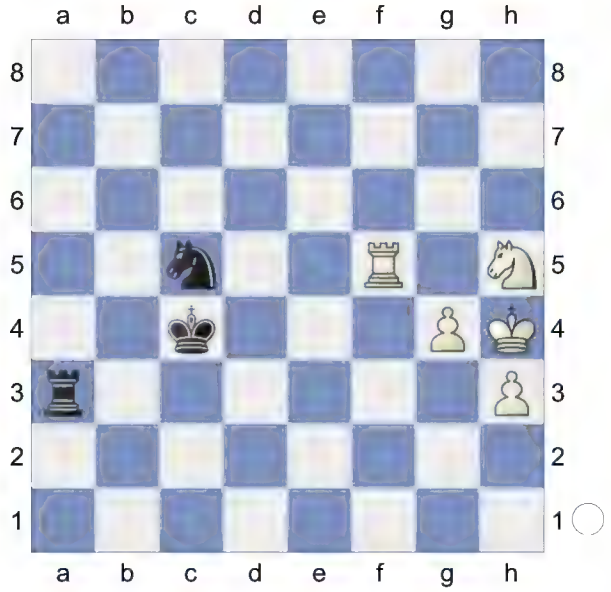
[Not 60.Rxh6 Nxc5 61.a6 Rb8+-]

60...Nb4

(Diagram)

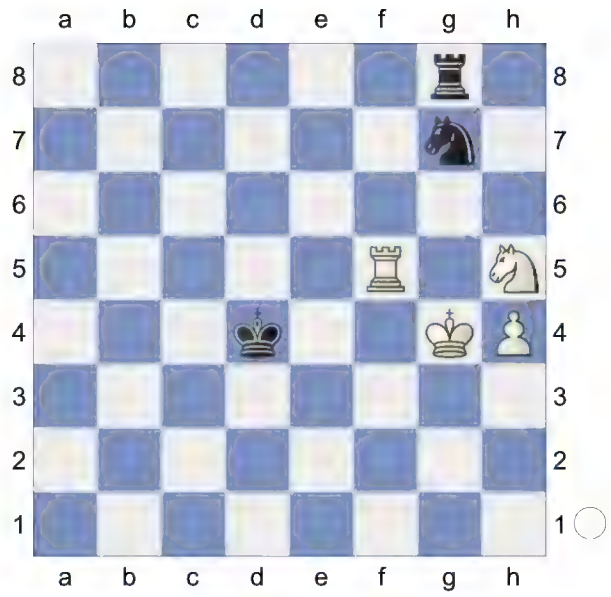


61.Rxh6 White is clearly winning.
61...Nxa6 62.Rg6 Nxc5 63.Rxg5+ Kd4 64.Rf5 Ra3+ 65.Kh4 Kxc4

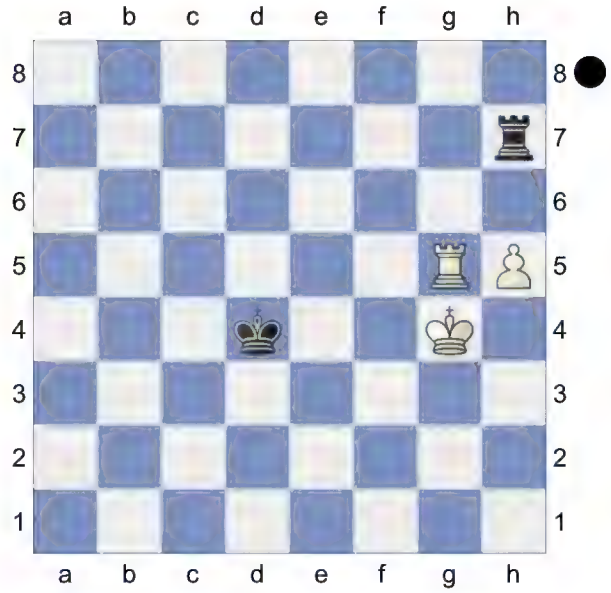


66.g5 Ne6 67.g6 Kd4 68.g7 Ra8
Dodges g8Q **69.Kg4 Rg8 70.h4 Nxg7**

(Diagram)



71.Nxg7 Rxg7+ 72.Rg5 Rh7 73.h5



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57 **C57**

□ **Allermann,H**

■ **Krauss,Werner**

[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

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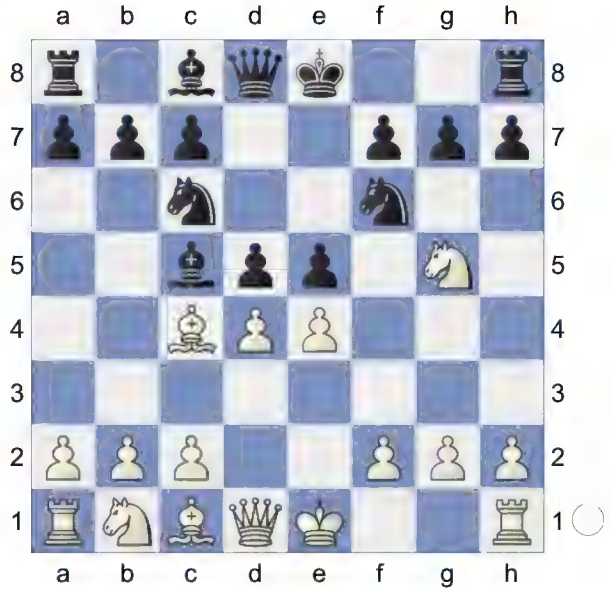
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5



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6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 10.Be3 h6**

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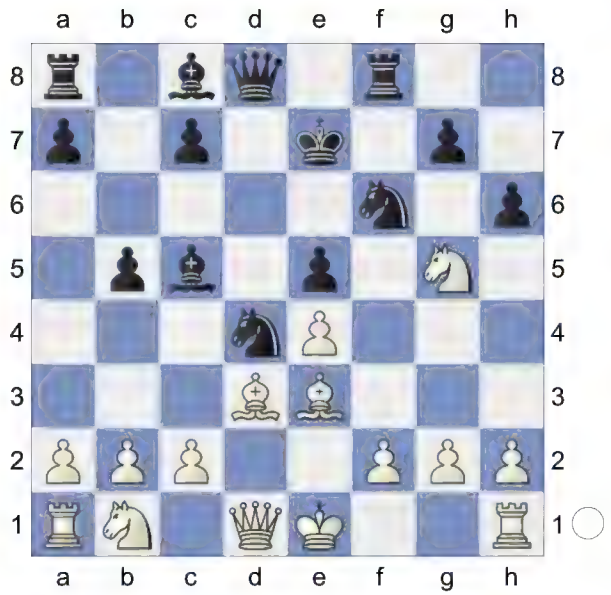


11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Rb1 0.10/19

[Of course not 14.Bxb5 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Qb6+ 16.Ke1 Qxb5=]

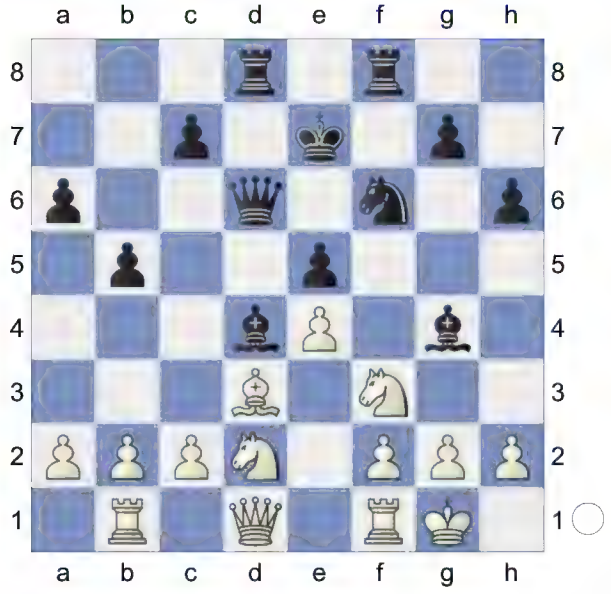
[14.0-0± 0.81/19]

14...a6 0.65/17

[Black should try 14...Rad8= 0.10/19]

15.0-0 Rad8 0.99/19

[15...Bb6± 0.50/17 should be considered.]



16.h3 And now Nxd4! would win.

16...Bxf3 17.Nxf3

[Much worse is 17.Qxf3 g6=]

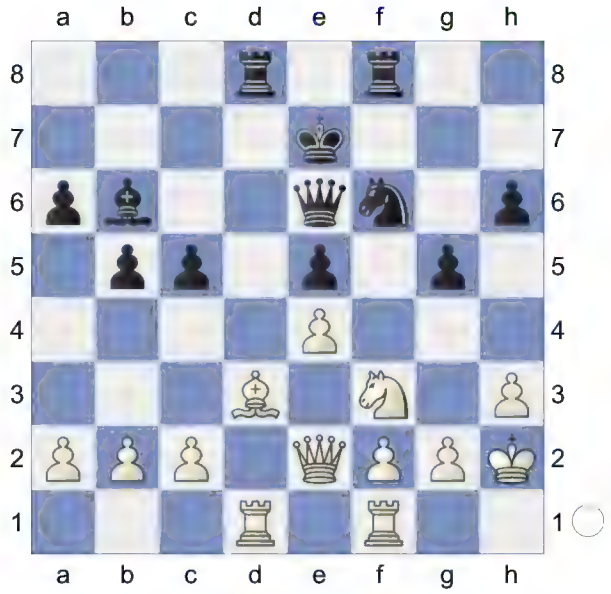
17...g5 18.Qe2 Bb6 19.Rbd1 0.27/19

[19.Kh2± 1.13/18]

19...Qe6 1.47/19

[19...Nh5!= 0.27/19 remains equal.]

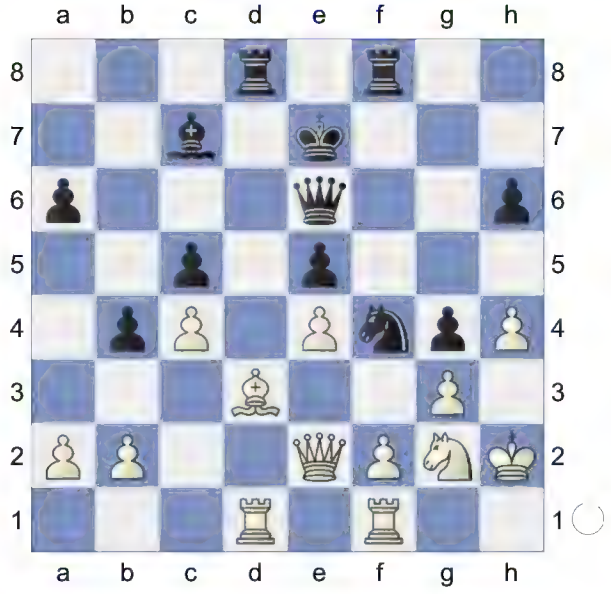
20.Kh2!± c5



Threatens to win with ...c4! **21.c4 b4 22.g3 Bc7 23.Ne1 g4 24.h4 Nh5 25.Ng2** 0.80/20

[25.Nc2+- 1.93/19 is more deadly.]

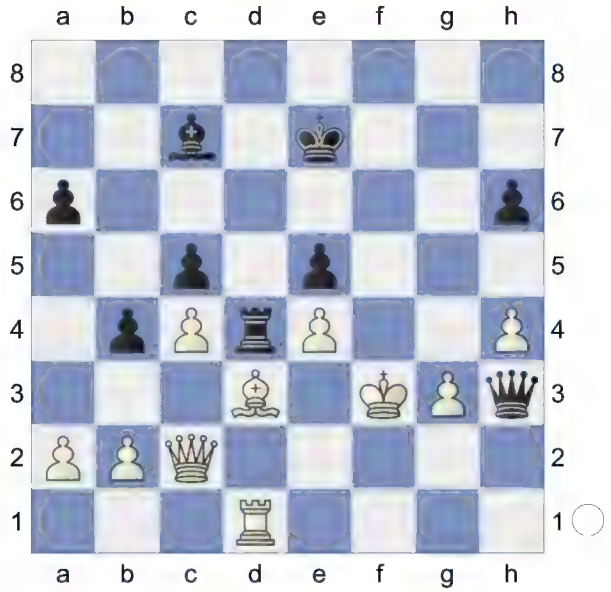
25...Nf4



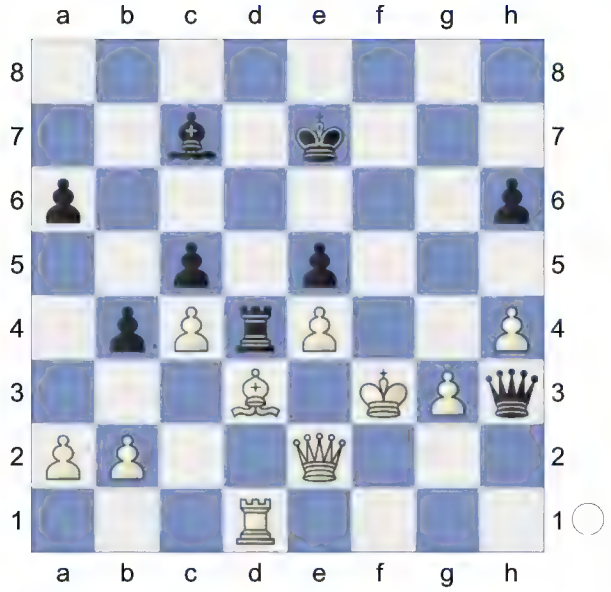
26.Qc2

[26.gxf4 exf4 27.e5 f3∓]

26...Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Rd4 28.f3 gxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Rxf3 30.Kxf3 Qh3

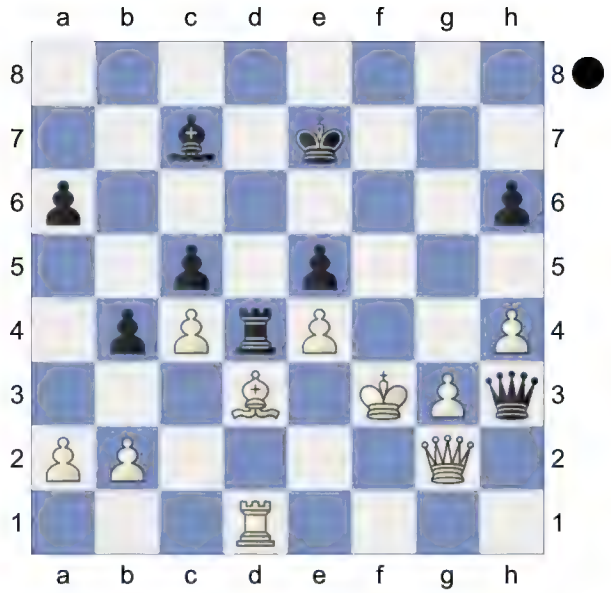


31.Qg2 Qd7 32.Qe2 0.65/21
[32.Ke3± 1.04/20]
32...Qh3±



33.Qg2 0.01/35
[Better is 33.Qf2!± 0.80/22]

(Diagram)



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58 **C57**
□ **Landwehr,Bernhard**
■ **Skorbek**
FRG-ch M corr 1965
[Kitty Kat]

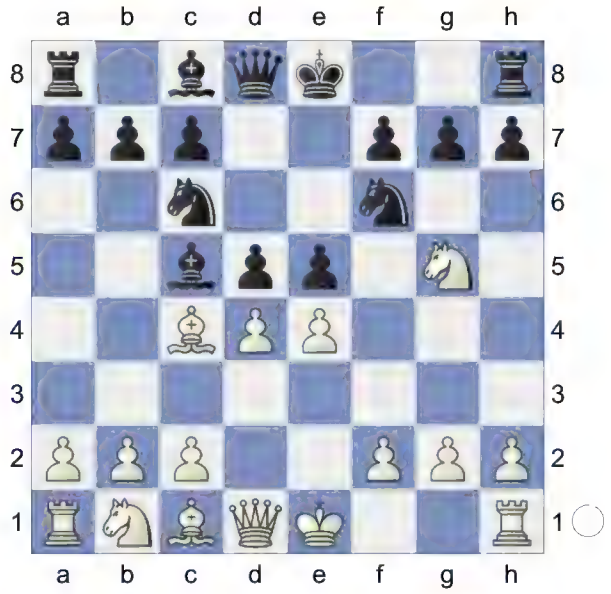
C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves
C33: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nc3 and 3 Bc4
C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nf3N

[3.d3 Bc5 *(3...Nc6 4.f4 exf4 5.Bxf4 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Bd2 Bc5 8.Qf3 Qe7+ 9.Ne2 Nd4 10.Qe4 Nxc2+ 11.Kd1 Nde3+ 12.Kc1 Qxe4 13.dxe4 Nxa1 14.Bd3 Be6 15.b4 Bb6 16.Kb2 0-0-0 17.Nc1 Nac2 18.Bxc2* 0-1 (19) Spielmann,R-Chigorin,M GER-chl Nuernberg 1906*)* 4.Nc3 d6 *(4...c6 5.f4 exf4 6.d4 Bb4 7.e5 d5 8.Bd3 Ne4 9.Bxe4 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qh4+ 11.g3 fxg3 12.Bg2 gxh2+ 13.Kf1 hxg1Q+ 14.Kxg1 Qg4 15.Qe1 Bf5 16.Rh3 Bxc2 17.Rg3 Qd1 18.Qxd1 Bxd1 19.Rxg7* 1-0 (46) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Hovhannisyan,R (2611) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2024 (2)*)* 5.f4 Be6 6.f5 Bxc4 7.dxc4 Nbd7 8.Qf3 c6 9.Nge2 Nb6 10.b3 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bg5 d4 13.Nd1 Rc8 14.Qd3 Bb4+ 15.c3 Bxc3+ 16.Ndxc3 dxc3 17.Qxd8+ Kxd8 0-1 (53) Spielmann,R-Eliskases,E Match Eliskases-Spielmann +3-2=5 1932 (9)]

[3.f4 d5 4.exd5 exf4 5.d4 Nxd5 6.Nf3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bxd5 Qxd5 9.Bxf4 Bd6 10.Nc3 Qc6 11.Qd2 Bg4 12.Bxd6 cxd6 13.d5 Qb6+ 14.Qd4 Nd7 15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.Nd4 a6 17.Rae1 Rae8 1-0 (47) Von Popiel,I-Schlechter,C 43 Budapest 1896 (8)]

3...Nc6 4.Ng5 Bc5 5.d4 d5!



6.Bxd5 Nxd4

[6...Nxd5 simplifies 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6]

7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...Rf8** 0.75/18 Against Nf7

[8...b5!= 0.28/16 9.Bd3 Bg4]

9.Nc3 0.04/18

[9.c3± 0.75/18 Nc6 10.Qc2]

9...c6 1.05/19

[9...h6= 0.04/18]

10.Be2 0.31/17

[10.Na4± 1.05/19]

10...b5

(Diagram)

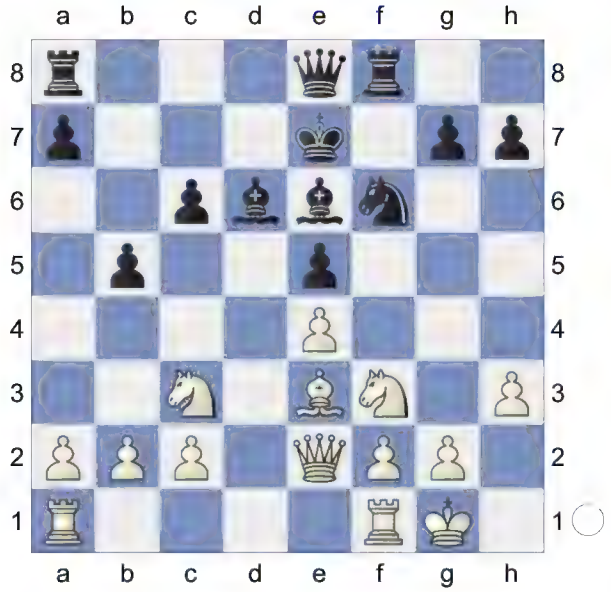
11.0-0 Nxe2+ 0.72/22

[11...a5± 0.34/16 was preferrable.]

12.Qxe2± Black is on the road to losing.

12...Bg4 13.Nf3 Qe8 14.Be3 Wards off Bd4 **14...Bd6 15.h3 Be6** 1.88/19

[15...Bxf3± 1.21/18 16.Qxf3 Qg6]

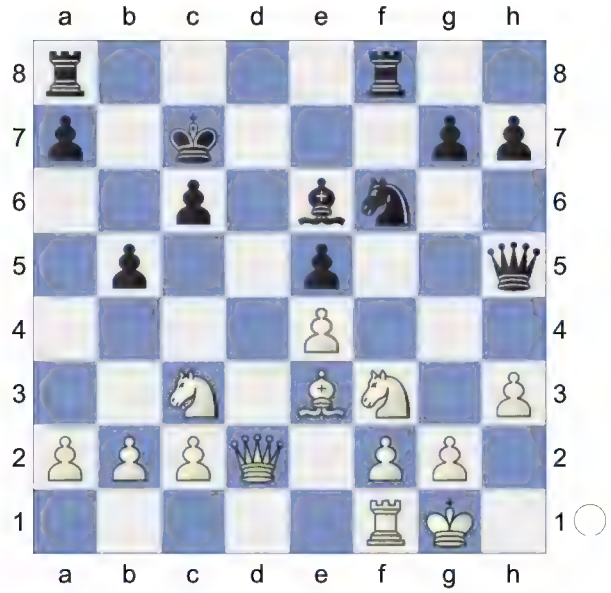


16.Rad1 Qh5? 3.67/19

[16...Bc4 1.72/17 17.Qd2 Bc7]

(Diagram)

17.Rxd6!+- Kxd6 18.Qd2+ Kc7



19.Nxb5+! cxb5 20.Qa5+ Kd7

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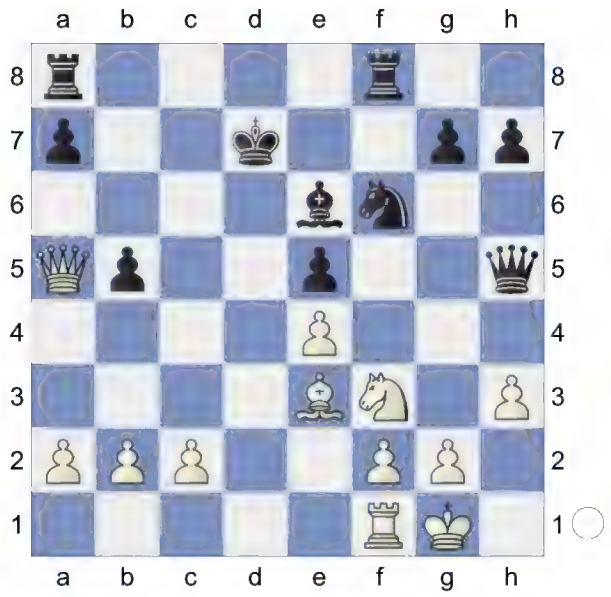
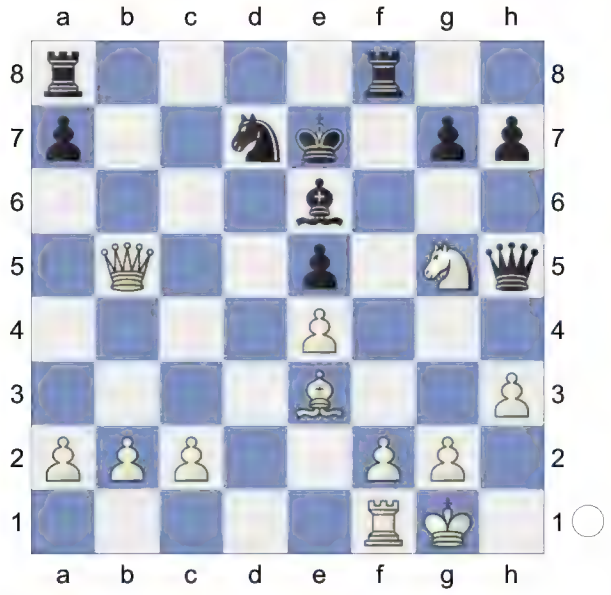


21.Qxb5+ Ke7 22.Ng5 Threatening mate with Bc5+.

[22.Qxe5? perishes. Qxe5 23.Nxe5 Rfc8-+ *(23...Nxe4? 24.f3-+)*]

[22.Nxe5 Bd7 23.Qc5+ Ke8±]

22...Nd7



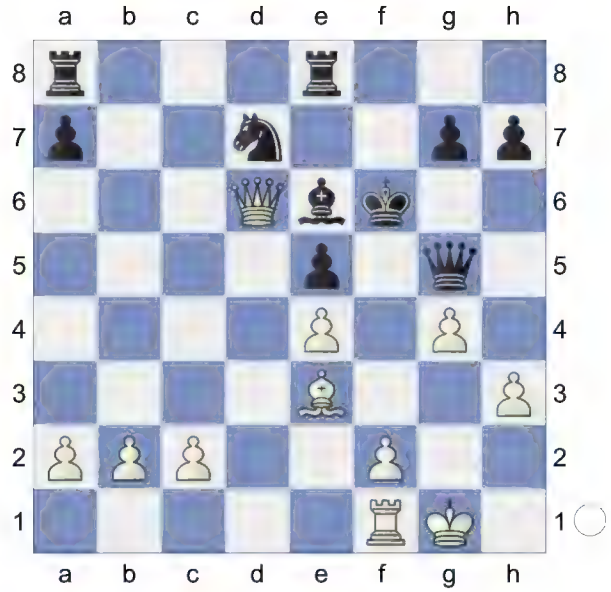
23.Qb4+ Kf6 24.Qd6 Rfe8 7.22/21

[24...Rae8 2.83/20 25.Nxe6 Remove Defender Rxe6 26.Qxd7 Rb8]

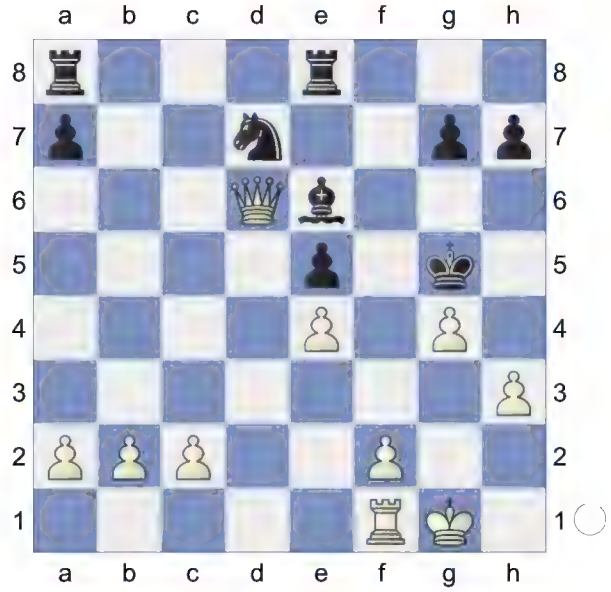
25.g4? 2.49/23

[25.f4 7.22/21 White wants to mate with Nxe6. Qxg5 26.fxg5+ Kg6 27.c4]

25...Qxg5



26.Bxg5+ Kxg5



27.c4! Rac8

[27...h5 28.c5]

28.Rc1 h6 29.c5 Kf6 30.c6 Nf8

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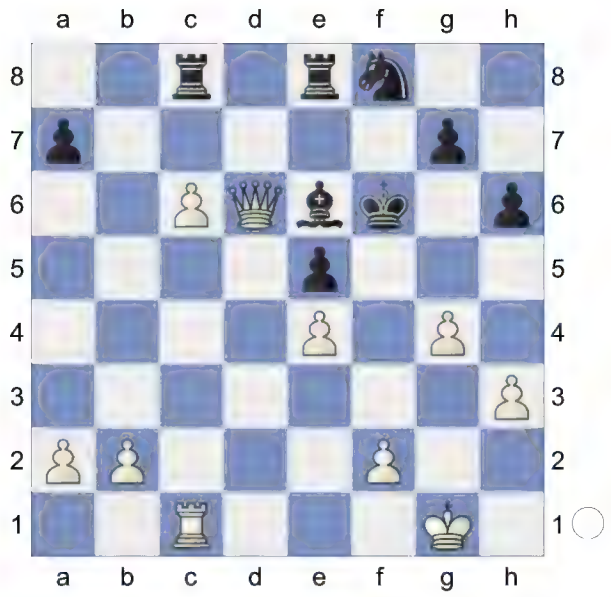
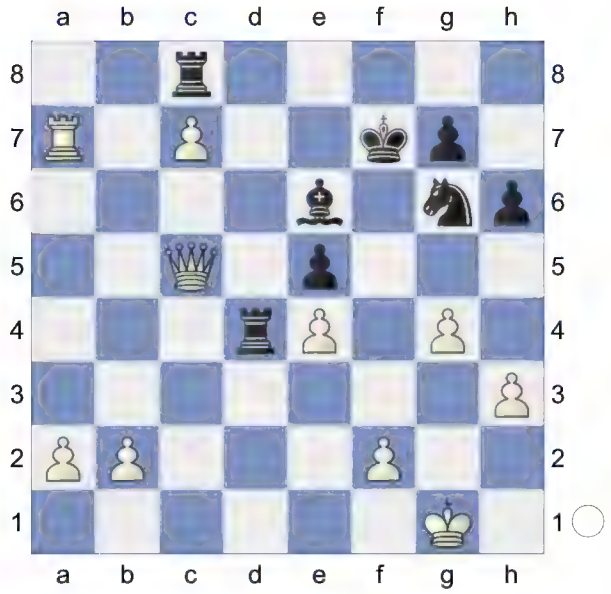


31.Rc5 Ng6 32.c7 Wards off Red8. Threatens to win with f4! **32...Kf7 33.Ra5 Re7 34.Rxa7 Rd7 35.Qc5** Hoping for b4. **35...Rd4**



36.b4 Rc4 37.Qa5 Rc1+ 38.Kh2 Black must now prevent b5. **38...Rc2 39.b5 Rxf2+ 40.Kg1 Rxa2**

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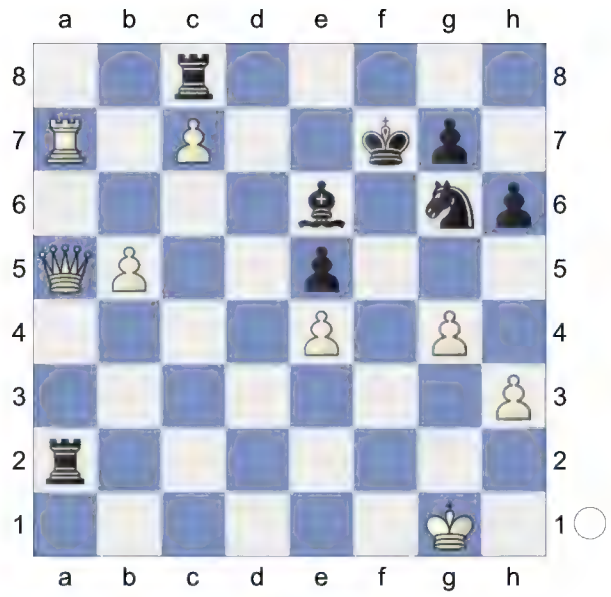
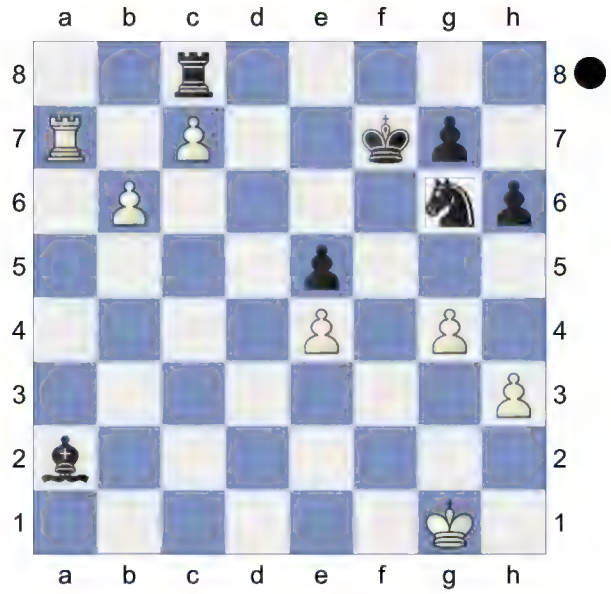


41.Qxa2

[Stronger than 41.Qb6 Rb2=]

41...Bxa2 42.b6!



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59 **C57**
□ **Kunze,F**
■ **Giertz,A**
Germany Senior ch 1976
[Heemsoth]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 Heemsoth, H. **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N**

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Nxf7 -0.03/22

[Better is 7.Bxf7+± 0.60/21 Ke7 8.Bc4]

7...Qe7= ...Bg4 would now be deadly.

8.Nxh8 Black must now prevent Bg5. The position is equal. **8...Bg4! 9.f3** -0.60/20

[9.Ng6? hxg6 10.Qd3 Nxd5 11.exd5 Bf5-+]

[9.Qd2!± 0.37/19]

9...Nxd5∓ 10.fxg4 -2.21/23

[10.h4!∓ -0.36/22 Nb4 11.Na3]

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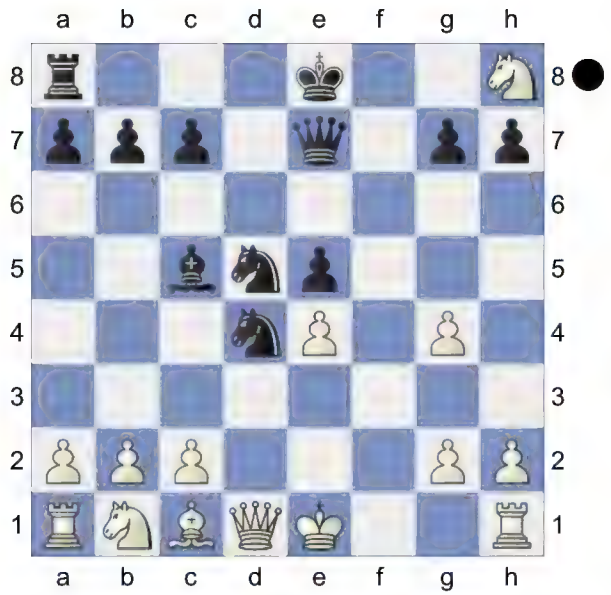
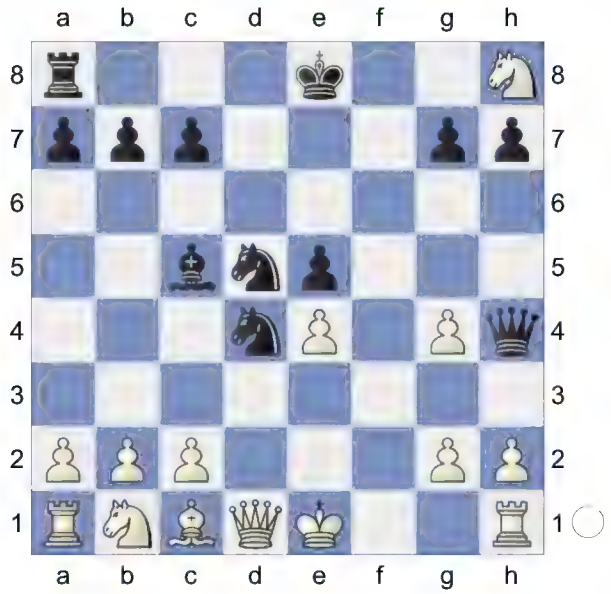


This move loses the game for White.

10...Qh4+!-+

[10...Nb4 -0.82/18 10...Qh4+ -1.97 11.Na3? -4.86/23 *(11.0-0∓ -0.82/18 0-0-0 12.Kh1 Ndxc2 13.Qe2 Nxa1 14.Bg5* Decoy *Qxg5 15.Nf7)* 11...0-0-0]



11.g3

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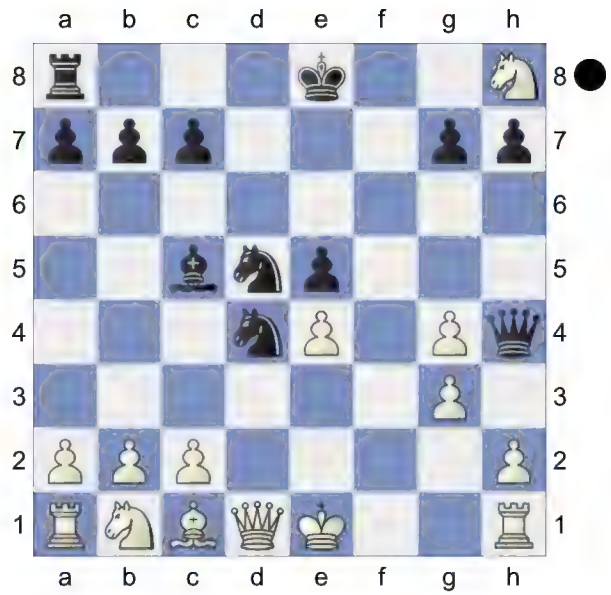

Qh3 12.c3 Prevents Nb4

[12.exd5? Qg2 13.Rf1 Nxc2+-+ *(13...Qxd5? 14.Nd2+-; 13...Qxd5? 14.Nd2+-)*]

12...Qg2! 13.cxd4 Rf1 is the strong threat. **13...Qxh1+**

[13...Qxe4+ 14.Qe2 *(14.Kd2? Qe3+ 15.Kc2 Nb4#)* 14...Qxh1+ 15.Qf1 Qe4+ *(15...Qxh2? 16.Qf7+ Kd8 17.Qxd5++-)* 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ *(16...Qxd4? 17.Nd2-+; 16...Qh1+? 17.Qf1-+)* 17.Kxe2∓]

14.Kd2 Qxe4 (-> ...Qe3+)

[14...Bb4+ 15.Kc2 Qxh2+ *(15...Qxe4+ 16.Qd3=; 15...Qg2+ 16.Kb3±)* 16.Kb3 Qxg3+ 17.Kc2 *(17.Kc4 b5+* Decoy *18.Kxb5 Rb8+ 19.Ka4 Be1-+)* 17...Qg2+ 18.Kb3 Qxe4 19.Qf1]

15.Nc3 Bb4!

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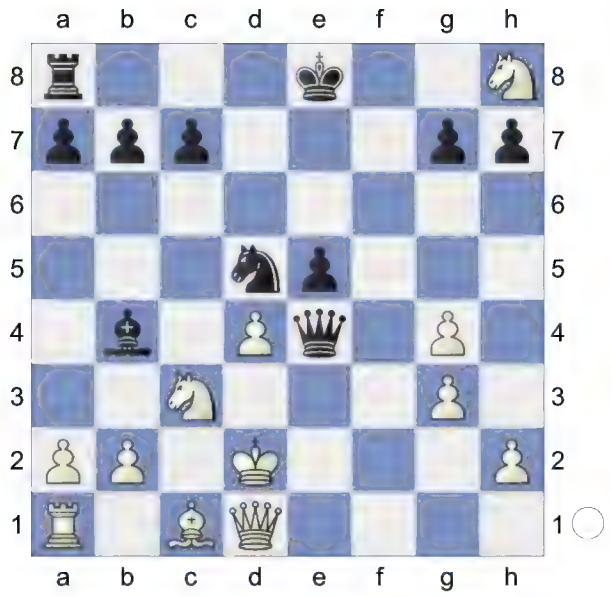
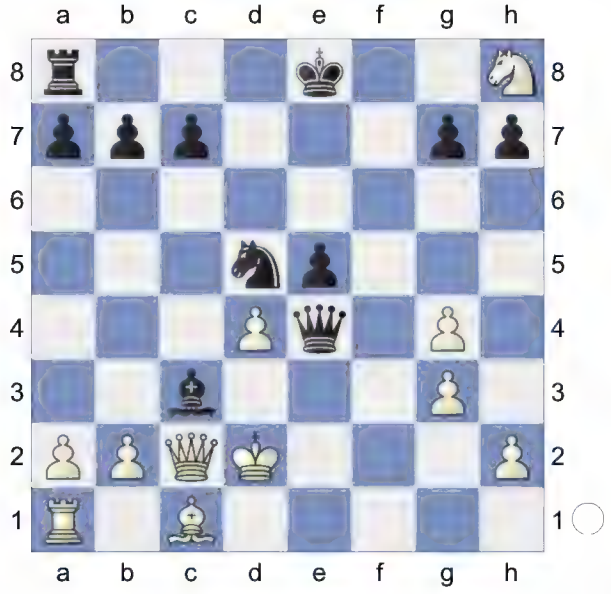


Black has strong compensation. Really sharp! Black is more active. **16.Qc2** -18.88/23

[⌓16.Qe1 -1.84/22 Qxe1+ *(16...Qxd4+ 17.Kc2∓)* 17.Kxe1 exd4 Pin *(17...Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 exd4 19.c4=; 17...Nxc3? 18.a3-+)* 18.a3]

16...Bxc3+

[16...Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Qe3+ 18.Kd1 Nxc3+]



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60 **C57**
□ **Gluckman,David**
■ **Kazantsev,R**
USSR (ch) 20/537 1966
[Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

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[4.d3
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6.Bxd5 Nxd4
[6...Nxd5 simplifies 7.dxc5 Ndb4 8.a3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6]
7.Nxf7 Qe7 ...Bg4 would now be deadly.
8.Nxh8 Hoping for c3. White is slightly better. **8...Bg4! 9.f3** -0.40/21
[Not 9.Ng6? hxg6 10.Qd3 Nxd5-+]
[9.Qd3= -0.02/21 Nxd5 10.c3 *(10.Ng6? Qd6-+)*]
9...Nxd5∓ 10.fxg4 -2.26/22
[10.exd5? -2.82/19 10.h4 -0.51 Qh4+]
[10.h4!= -0.15/22 and White stays safe. Nb4 11.Na3]

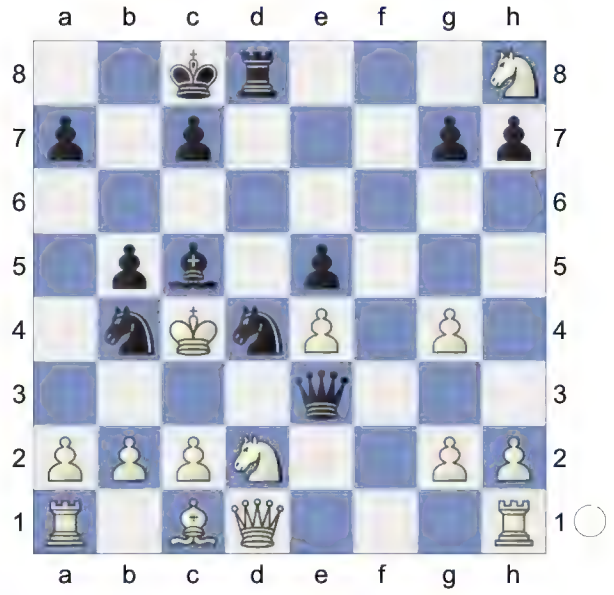
(Diagram)

10...Qh4+!-+

11.Kd2? -6.61/21
[11.g3

(Diagram)

Qh3! 12.exd5 -3.21/21 *(⌓12.c3* -2.07/21 *Qg2 13.cxd4)* 12...Qg2-+ 13.Rf1 Nxc2+]
[11.g3 -2.00/23 Qh3 12.c3 *(12.exd5?* is the wrong capture. *Qg2-+)*]
11...Qf2+ 12.Kd3 Nb4+ 13.Kc3 0-0-0 14.Nd2 Qe3+ Black mates. **15.Kc4 b5+**



16.Kxc5 Na6#

(Diagram)

Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.23/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
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61 **C57**
□ **Groemailtt,Peter**
■ **Leisebein,Peter**
DESC op R1 G01 email 01.10.2000
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
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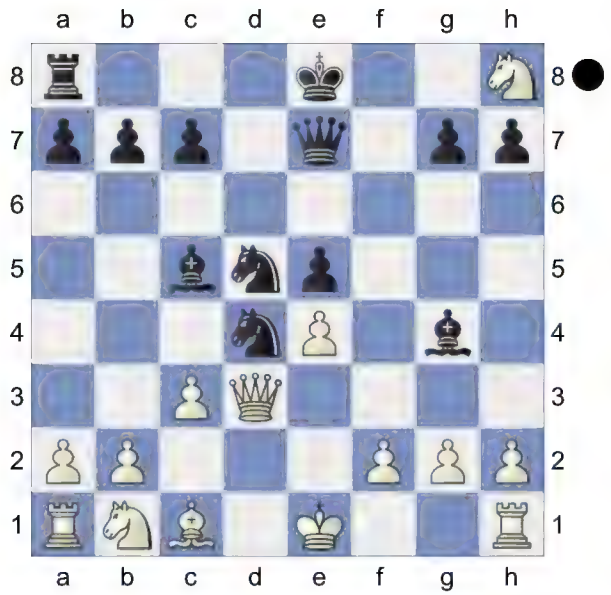
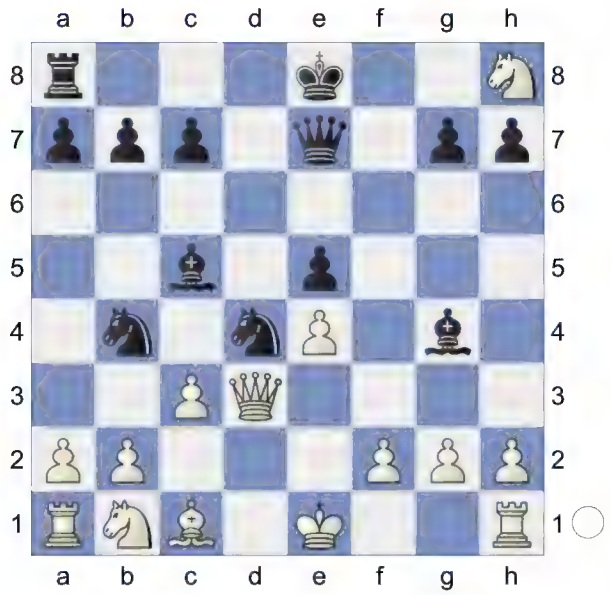
4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5
[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Be3]
6...Nxd4 7.Nxf7 0.01/22
[7.Bxf7+± 0.54/20 Kf8 8.Bc4]
7...Qe7= 8.Nxh8 Hoping for c3. The position is equal. **8...Bg4! 9.Qd3** -1.36/21
[9.Ng6? hxg6 10.Qd3 Nxd5-+]
[9.Qd2± 0.32/21 keeps the upper hand.]
9...Nxd5∓ 10.c3

(Diagram)



Prevents Nb4. **10...Nb4!**



Black is much more active. **11.cxb4 Bxb4+** This pair of bishops is nice.

12.Bd2 -2.83/22

[12.Nd2∓ -1.36/21 might work better. 0-0-0 13.a3 Bxd2+ Remove Defender *(13...Rxh8? 14.axb4 Rd8 15.Qc3+-; 13...Nf3+? 14.gxf3 Rxd3 15.axb4-+)* 14.Bxd2 Nf3+ Discovered Attack *(14...Rxh8? 15.Bc3+-)* 15.gxf3 Rxd3 16.fxg4]

12...0-0-0-+ And now ...Nf3+ would win.

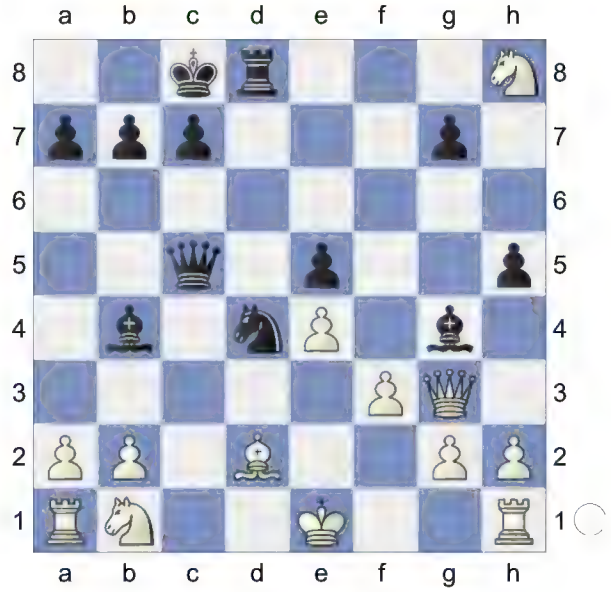
13.Qg3 -4.25/22

[⚆13.a3 -2.77/19 Nf3+ Discovered Attack 14.Qxf3 Bxf3 15.axb4 Bxg2 16.Rg1 Bxe4 17.Nc3 Qxb4 18.0-0-0]

13...h5 14.f3

[14.Ng6 Qc5 15.0-0 *(15.Qxe5? Qc1#; 15.f3? Qc4-+)* 15...Ne2+ 16.Kh1 Nxg3+ 17.fxg3 Qc4-+ *(17...Bxd2? 18.Nxd2 Qd6* Double Attack *19.a4-+)*]

14...Qc5



Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.04 (flawless)

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62 **C57**
□ **Harikrishna,Pentala**
■ **Spanish 4...d6 5.c3**
LADAC-BPCF corr 1989
[John Watson]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3 h6 10.c3 hxg5**

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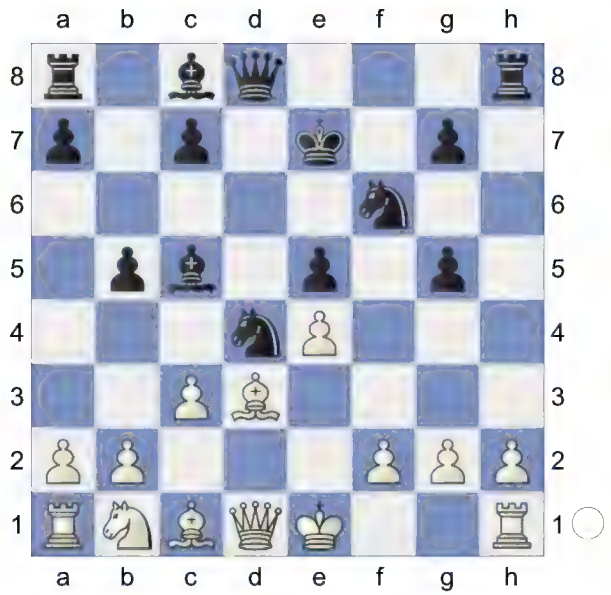

11.cxd4 Qxd4 12.Qe2 -1.01/23
[12.0-0± 0.74/19 stays on course.]
12...Ng4 0.20/20
[12...Rd8 Strongly threatening ... Bb4+. 13.Qc2 Qxf2+ -0.45/5 *(13...Bb4+∓ -0.91/19 14.Ke2 Bc5)* 14.Qxf2∓ Bxf2+]
[Better is 12...Rd8!∓ -1.01/23 ...Bb4+ would now be deadly. 13.Qc2 Qxd3 14.Qxc5+ Kf7]
13.Bxg5+ -0.25/19
[⊿13.0-0 0.20/20 Nxh2 *(13...Rxh2 14.Bxg5+ Kf8 15.Nd2=)* 14.Be3]
13...Kd6 1.06/19
[13...Kf7!= -0.25/19 remains equal. 14.h4 Qxf2+ 15.Qxf2+ Bxf2+ *(15...Nxf2? too greedy. 16.Rf1+-)* 16.Ke2 Bd4]
14.Be3? -0.74/20
[14.Rf1!± 1.06/19 aiming for Nc3. Bb4+ 15.Nd2 Qxb2 16.Rb1]
14...Nxe3∓ 15.fxe3 Qxe3

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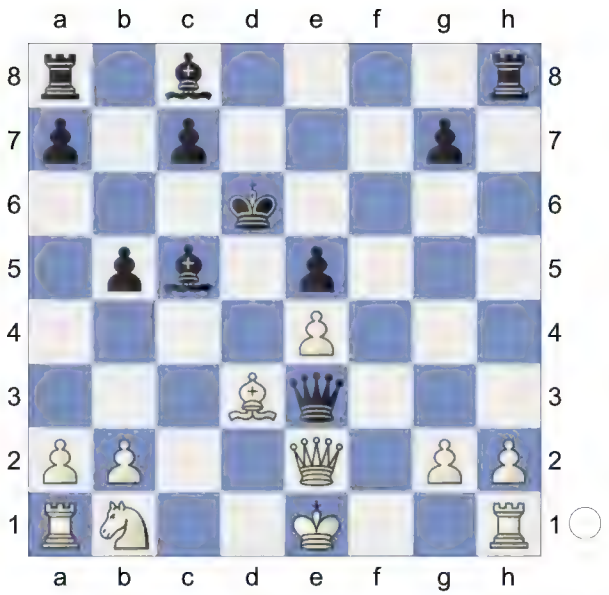
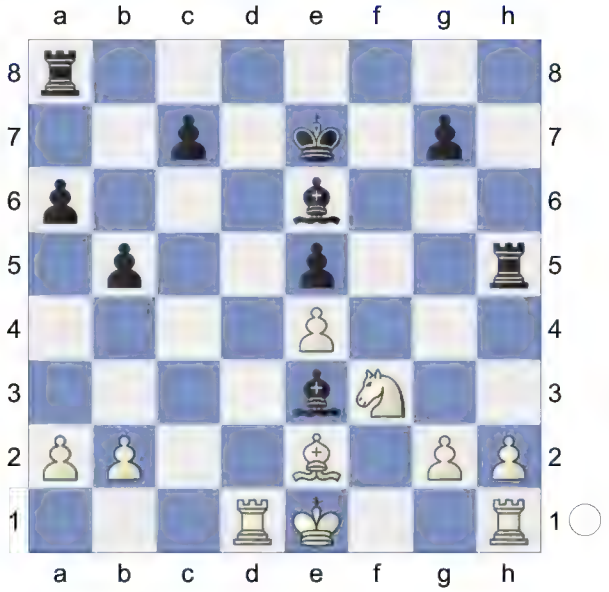
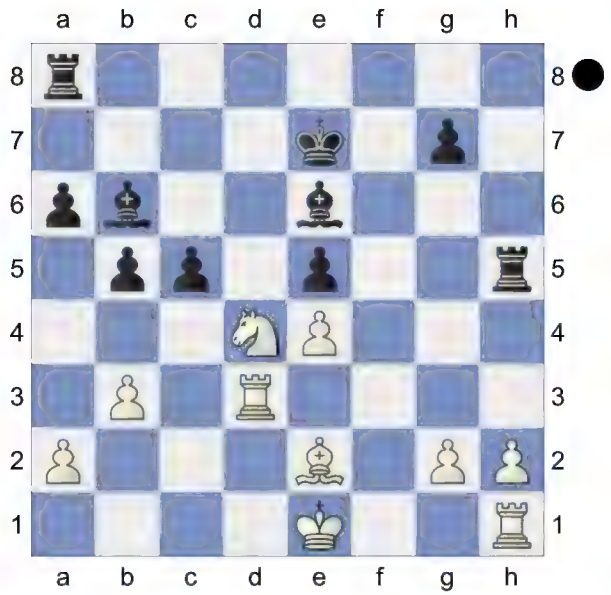


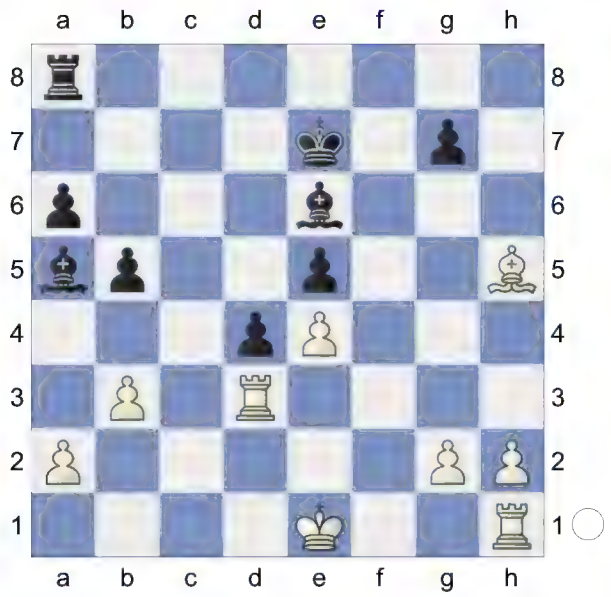
16.Qxe3 Bxe3 17.Nd2 -1.13/20
White is weak on the dark squares
[17.Bxb5∓ -0.67/19 Rb8 18.Na3]
17...a6↑ Keeping White busy. **18.Be2 Be6 19.Nf3 Rh5** -0.66/20
[19...c5∓ -1.21/20 20.Rf1 Bd4 21.Nxd4 exd4]
20.Rd1+ Ke7



21.Rd3 Bb6 This pair of bishops is nice.
22.b3 -1.08/20
[22.Nd4∓ -0.68/20 Rh4 *(22...Ba5+ 23.Kd1±)* 23.Nxe6 Kxe6 24.Kd2]
22...c5! 23.Nd4



Discovered Attack **23...cxd4** 0.93/21
24.Bxh5± Ba5+



25.Kd1! Rc8 1.52/20
[⌓25...g6 1.03/21 26.Be2 *(26.Bxg6 Bg4+ 27.Kc2 Rc8+ 28.Kb1 Be2=)* 26...Bb4]

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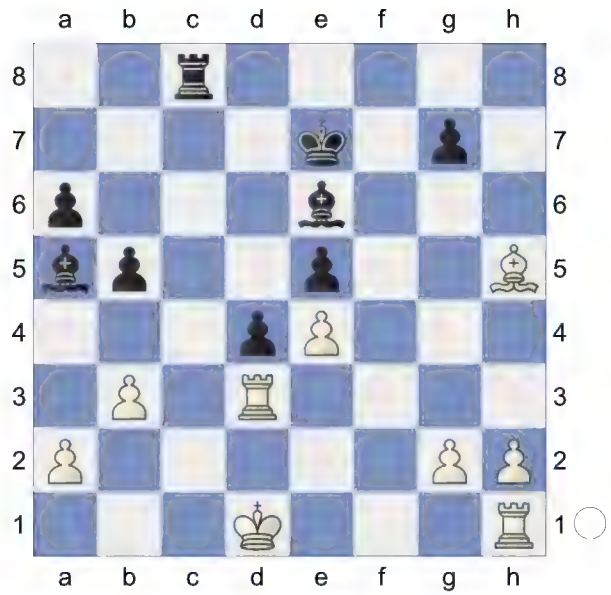
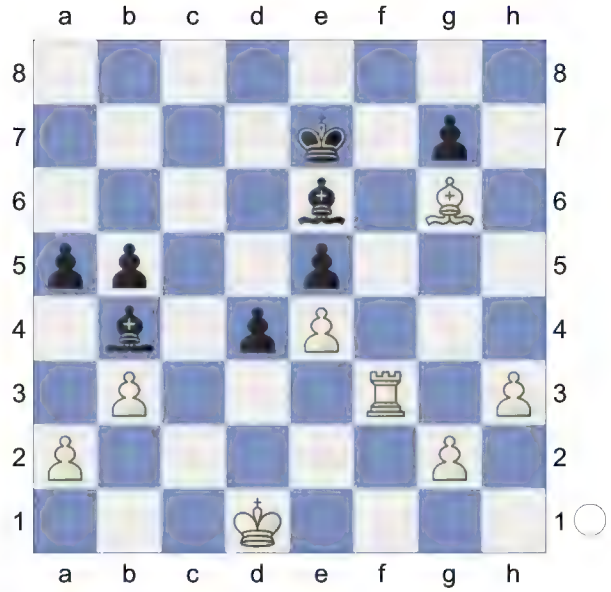


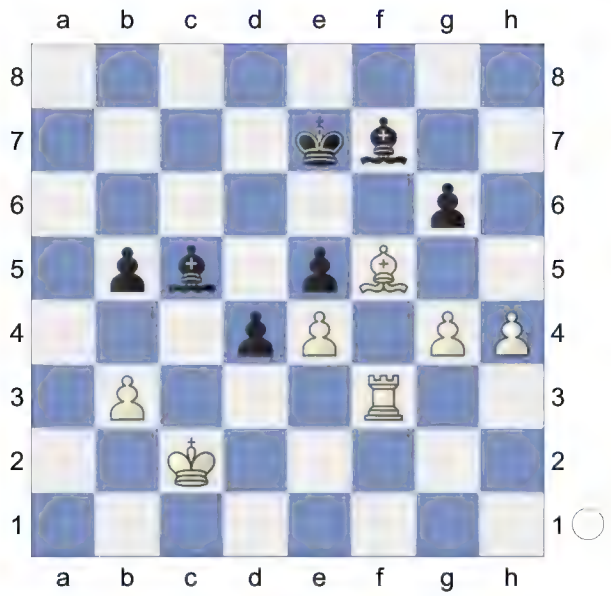
26.h3 0.56/24
[White should play 26.Rf1± 1.52/20]
26...Bb4 0.97/25
[26...Rf8± 0.56/24 was preferrable.]
27.Rf1 Rf8? 3.00/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[27...Ba3± 1.14/23]
28.Rxf8+- Kxf8 Endgame. KRB-KB
29.Rf3+ Ke7 30.Bg6 a5



31.Kc2 a4 32.g4 axb3+ 2.56/26
[⌓32...Be1 1.65/24 33.Bf5 Bg8]
33.axb3 Bc5? 3.78/27
[33...Bg8 2.03/24 was necessary.

34.Rf5 Bd6]

34.Bf5 Hoping for Bxe6. **34...Bf7 35.h4 g6**

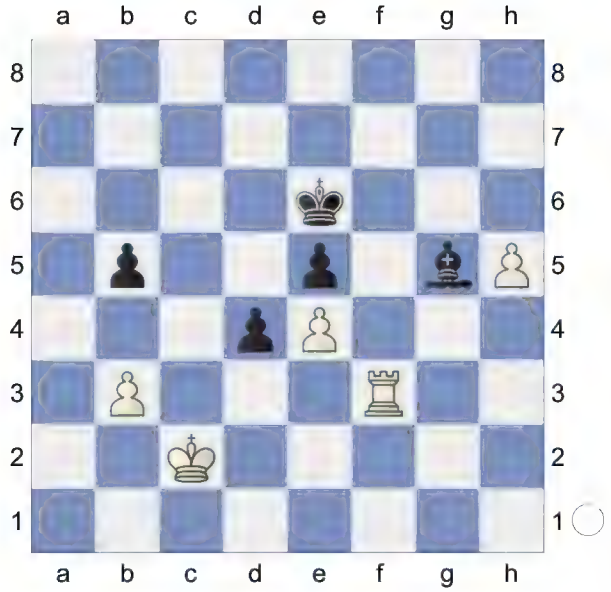


36.Bd7 Decoy. White is clearly winning.

36...Kxd7 10.31/24

[⌂36...Bb4 4.39/22 37.Bxb5 Be1]

37.Rxf7+ KR-KB **37...Ke6 38.Rf3 Be7 39.h5 gxh5 40.gxh5 Bg5**



41.Rf8 Be7 42.Rf5 Bf6 43.h6

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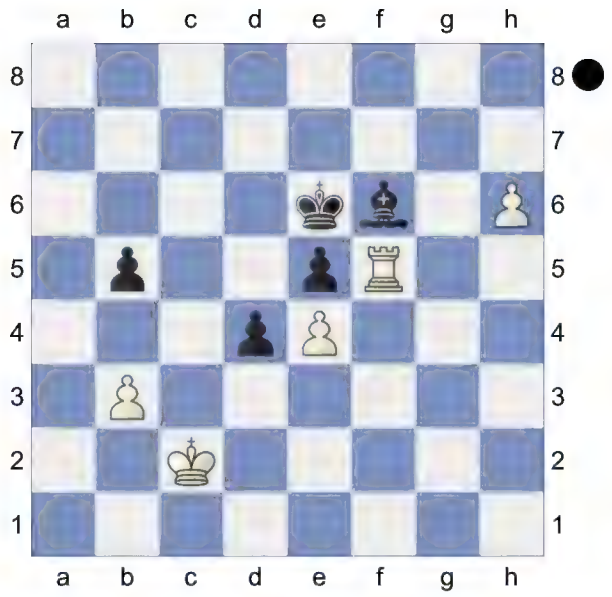

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63 **C57**
□ **Hilge,Andreas**
■ **Roeberg,Frank**
Hessen qual Kassel (10) 13.04.1990
[Kitty Kat]

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Nf6 0.74/18
[7...Ndb4± 0.36/22]
8.Qxd8+± White is better. **8...Nxd8 9.Be3 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4**

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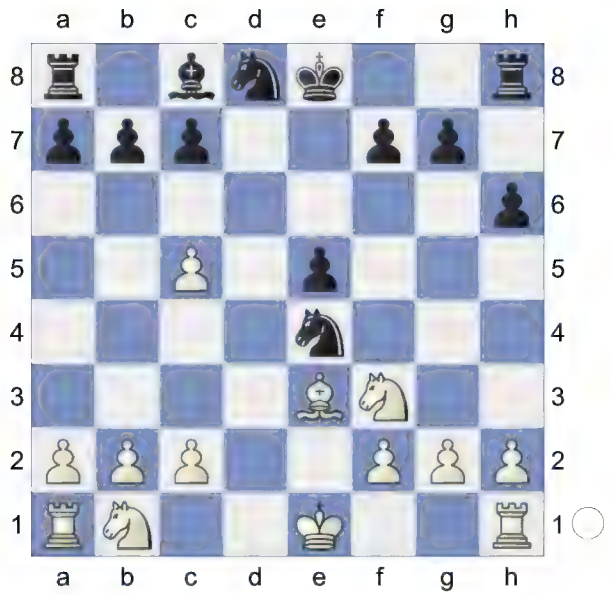
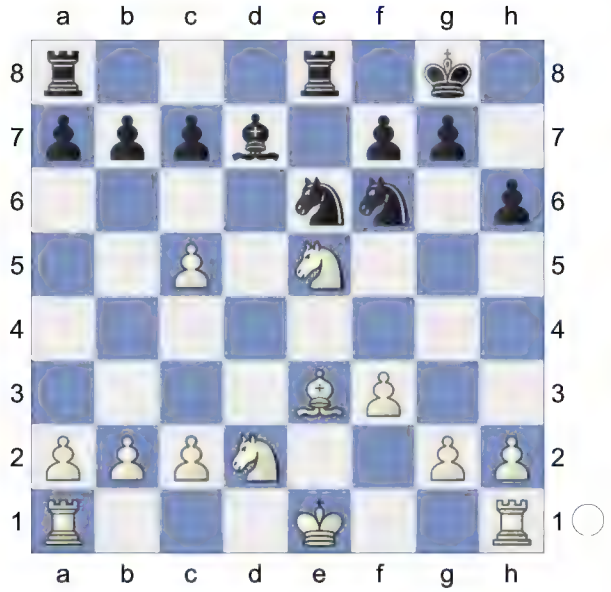


11.Nxe5 Ne6 12.Nd3! 0-0 1.51/21
[⊿12...h5 0.95/20]
13.Nd2 0.76/20
[⊿13.f3 1.51/21 N4g5 14.Nc3]
13...Nf6 14.f3 Bd7 15.Ne5 0.44/19
[15.0-0-0± 0.80/19]
15...Rfe8



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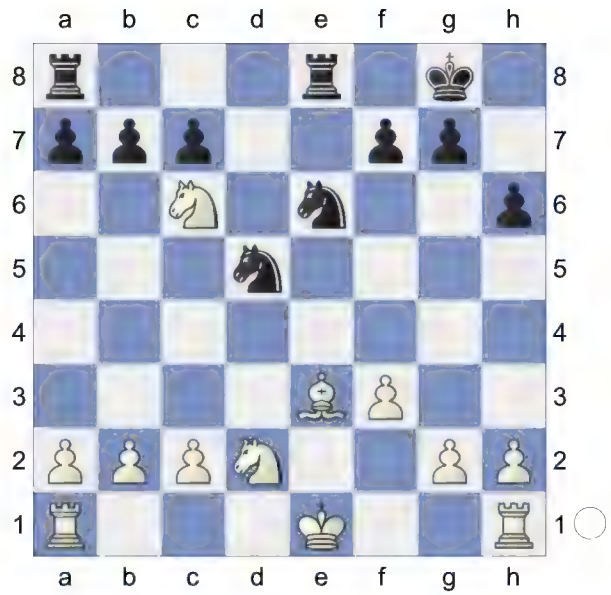
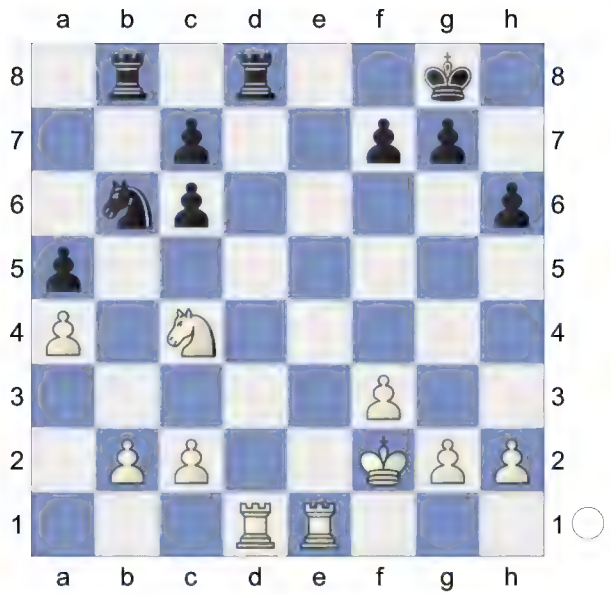
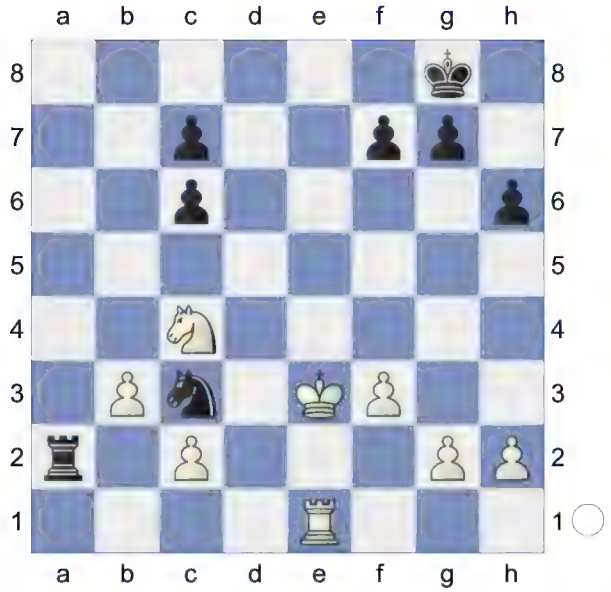


18.Nc4 bxc6 19.Kf2 Nxe3 20.Nxe3 Rab8 0.37/21
[20...g5!= -0.22/20]

21.Nc4 -0.01/20
[21.b3± 0.37/21]
21...Nf4 0.58/19
[21...Nd4= -0.01/20]
22.Rhe1± Red8 23.Rad1 Nd5 24.a3 a5 25.a4 0.43/22
[25.Nxa5?! Rxb2 26.Rd2 Rb6=]
[25.b3± 0.95/23]
25...Nb6!



26.Nxa5 Nxa4 27.Rxd8+?? 4.62/22
[27.b3± 0.46/22 Nc3 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Nc4 *(29.Nxc6 Rd2+ 30.Ke3 Rxg2=)*]
27...Rxd8 Endgame. KRN-KRN **28.b3 Nc3 29.Nc4** Prevents Rd2+ **29...Ra8 30.Ke3 Ra2** 1.04/24
[30...Rd8± 0.32/20]



31.Kd2± Nd5 32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Ne3 Kg6

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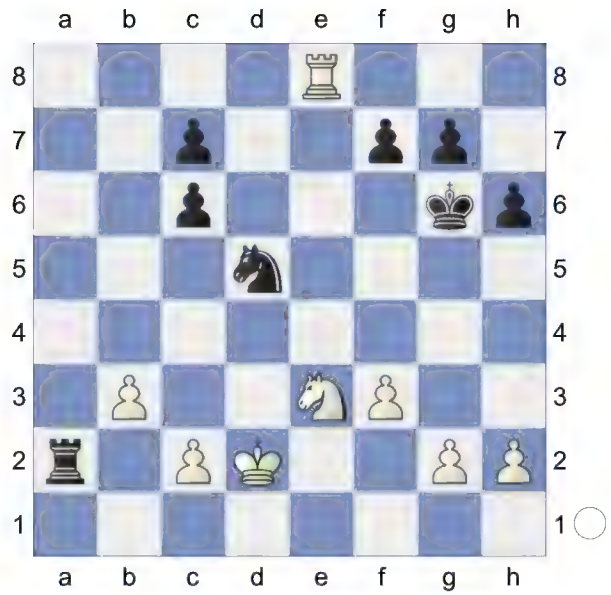
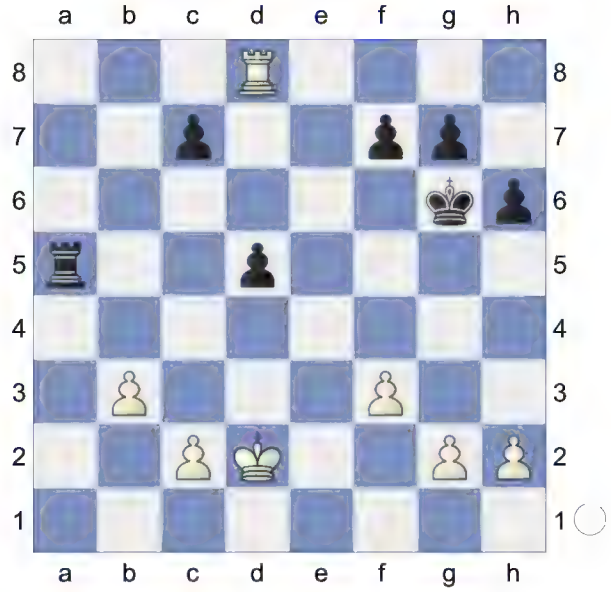
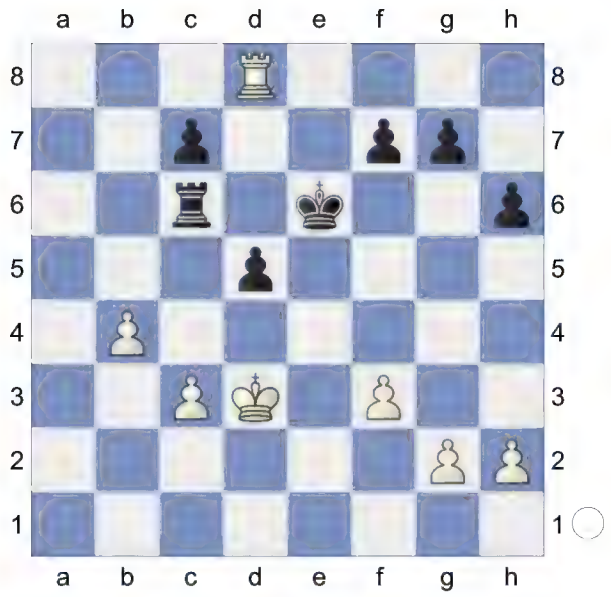


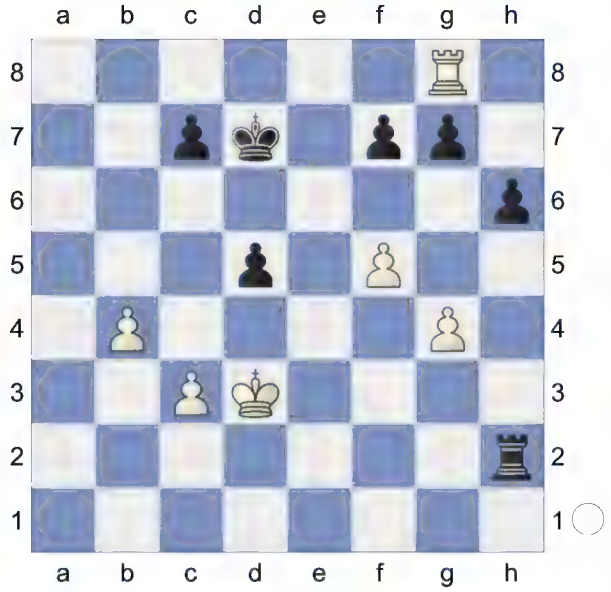
34.Nxd5! cxd5 KR-KR **35.Rd8** 0.79/23
[⌓35.Re7 1.15/22]
35...Ra5



36.Rd7 Rc5 37.Kd3 Kf5? 2.88/24
[Better is 37...Kf6!± 0.40/22]
38.b4 1.68/23
[⌓38.Rxf7+ 2.88/24 Kg6 39.Rd7]
38...Rc4? 14.24/22
[38...Ke6 1.68/23]
39.c3? 0.01/23
[39.Rxf7+ Kg6 40.Rd7 Rxb4±]
[39.Rxd5++- 14.24/22 Ke6 40.Kxc4]
39...Ke6= 40.Rd8 Rc6

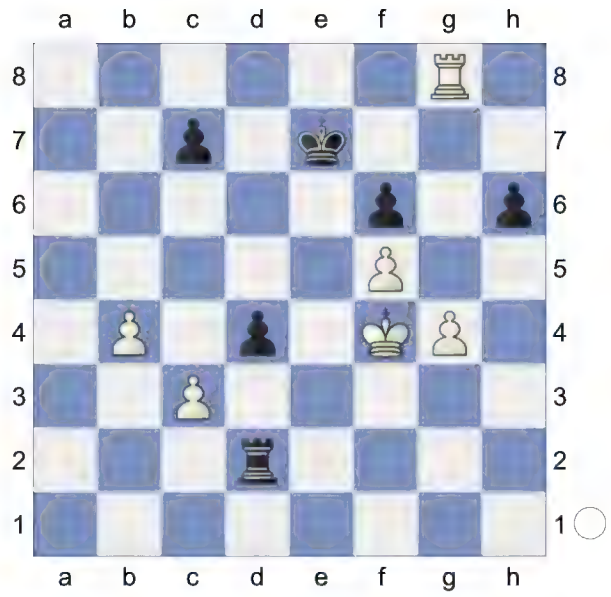


41.f4 Ra6 0.57/20
[41...g6= 0.09/20 should be considered.]
42.g4± Ra2 43.f5+ Ke7 44.Rc8 Kd7 45.Rg8 Rxh2

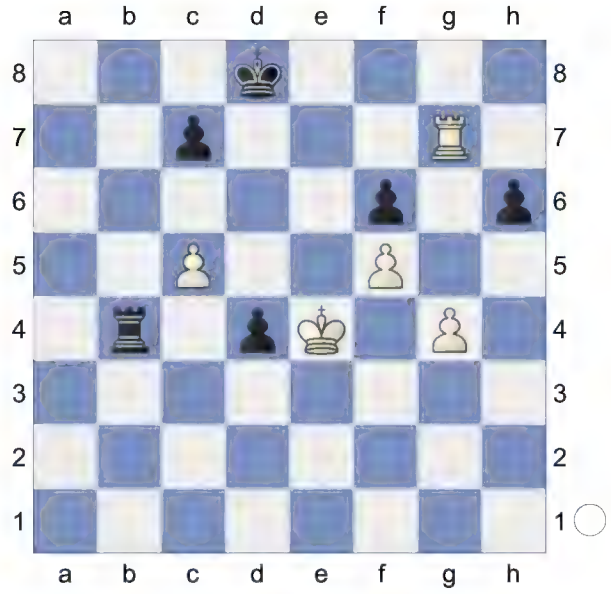


46.Rxg7 Ke7 47.Rg8 Rg2 48.Kd4 Rd2+ 49.Ke5 Black must now prevent f6+. **49...f6+ 50.Kf4** Threatens to win with Rg7+. **50...d4**

(Diagram)

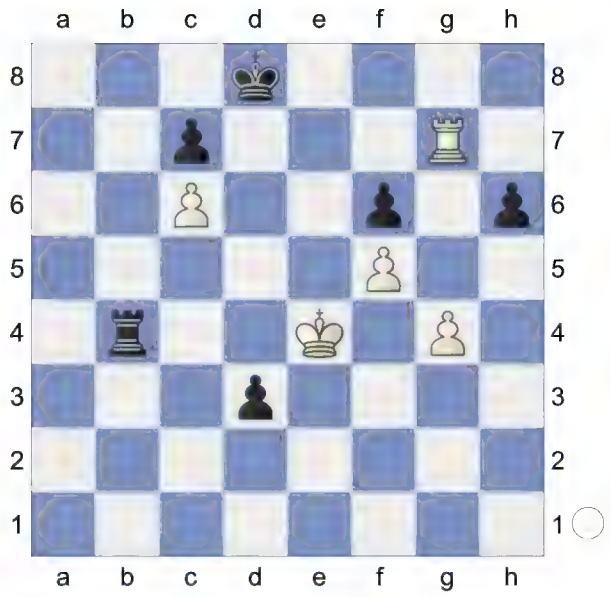


51.Rg7+ Kd8 52.c4 Rc2 53.c5 And now Ke4 would win. **53...Rc4 54.Ke4** Strongly threatening Kd3. **54...Rxb4** 0.83/25
[54...d3+± 0.32/26 55.Ke3 *(55.Kxd3 Rxb4 56.Rg6 Ke7=)* 55...Rd4]

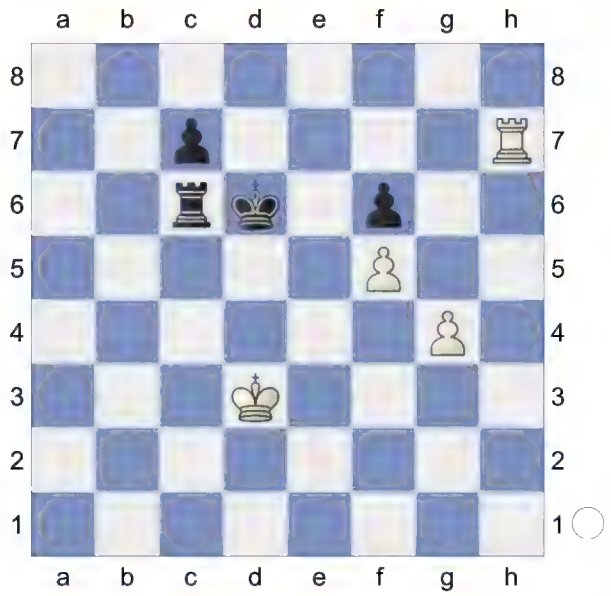


55.c6 0.01/27 White is more active.
[55.Kd3!± 0.83/25]
55...d3+=

(Diagram)



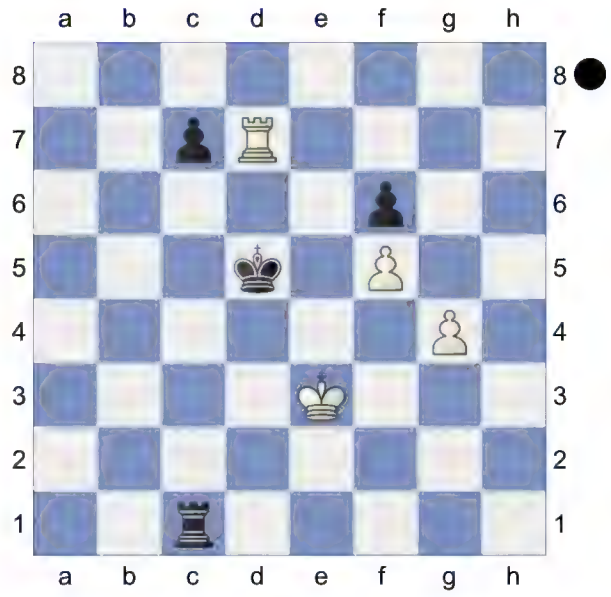
The position is equal. **56.Kxd3 Rb6! 57.Rd7+ Kc8 58.Rh7 Rxc6 59.Rxh6 Kd7 60.Rh7+ Kd6**



61.Ke3 Rc1 62.Rf7 Ke5 63.Re7+ Kd5 (-> ...Re1+) **64.Rd7+ Ke5! 65.Re7+ Kd5**

(Diagram)

Hoping for ...Re1+. **66.Rd7+**



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64 **C57**
□ **Grott,Peter**
■ **Schneider,W**
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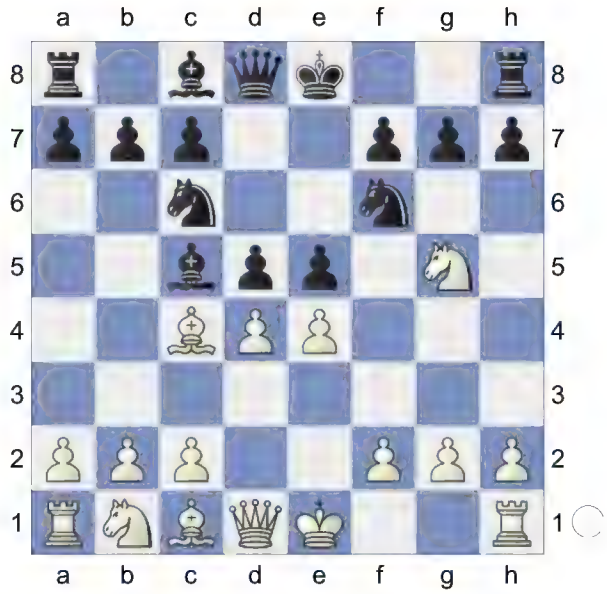
[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

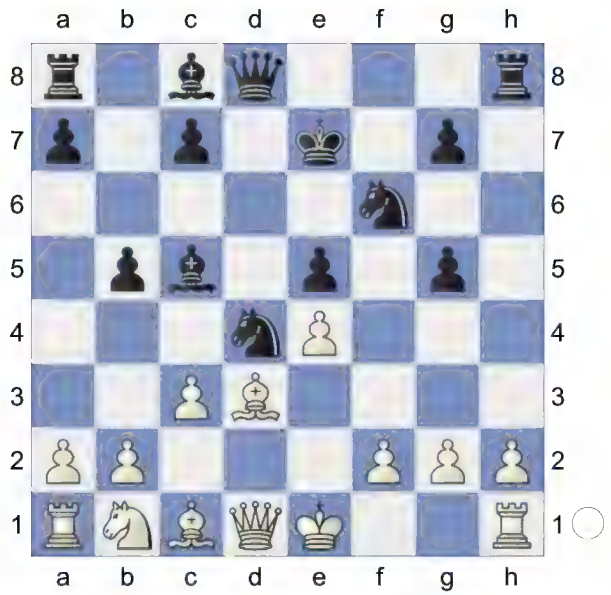
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne4 Nb6 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.Ng3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 f5 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.f4 Bg7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.fxg5 a5 19.c3 a4 20.Bc2 Rfd8 21.h4 a3 22.bxa3* 0-1 (52) Gen,I (2438)-Jimenez Villena,F (2641) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (4)*)* 8.Bb3 *(8.a3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Ba2 Bf7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Be3 Qd7 14.b4 Rhe8 15.Ne4 Rad8 16.b5 Na5 17.Qb1 Nc8 18.Bd2 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.d4 Kg8 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Qd5* 1-0 (28) Caruana,F (2805)-Can,I (2508) US Masters op 2024 (4)*; 8.Nh4 Be6 9.f4 Nxf4 10.Bxe6 Nxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.c3 g6 13.Qf3 Kc8 14.d4 f5 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.d5 Ned4 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Bf4 e4 22.Qh3 b6* 0-1 (31) Blanco-Capablanca,J Game Havana (Cuba) 1902*)* 8...a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 (24) Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (9.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...Bc5 5.d4 d5!



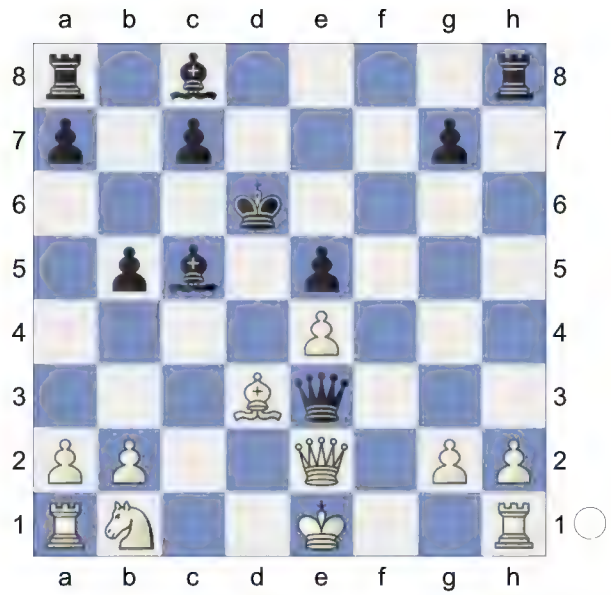
6.Bxd5
[6.dxc5 simplifies dxc4 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Nc3]
6...Nxd4 7.Bxf7+
[7.Nxf7!? Qe7□ 8.Nxh8=]
7...Ke7 8.Bc4! White is slightly better.
8...b5 9.Bd3 h6 10.c3 hxg5

(Diagram)

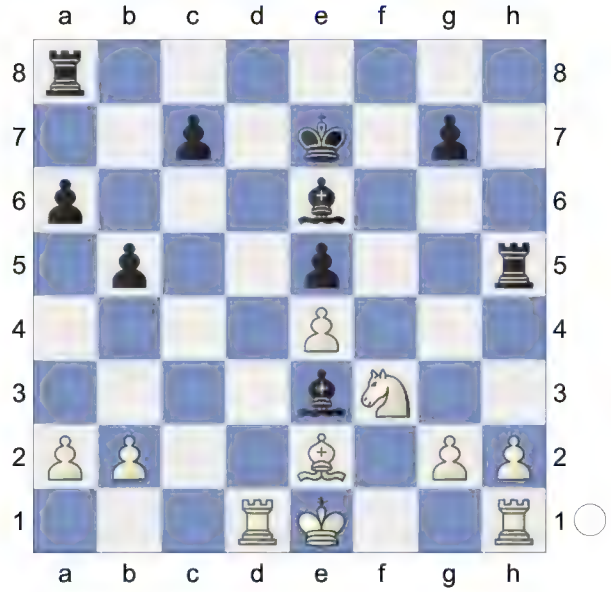


11.cxd4 Qxd4 0.92/18
[11...Bb4+± 0.55/18 might be stronger. 12.Nc3 exd4 Pin]
12.Qe2? -0.72/21
[12.Qc2± 0.92/18 stays on course.]
12...Ng4? 0.29/19
[12...Rd8! Strongly threatening ... Bb4+. 13.Qc2 Qxf2+ 14.Qxf2 Bxf2+∓ P.Leisebein]
[12...Rd8∓ -0.72/21 White must now prevent ...Bb4+. 13.Qc2 Qxd3 14.Qxc5+ Kf7]
13.Bxg5+ -0.23/18
[⌓13.0-0! 0.29/19 Nxh2 *(13...Rxh2 14.Bxg5+ Kf8 15.Nd2±)* 14.Be3]
13...Kd6 0.97/20
[13...Kf7!= -0.23/18 14.Be3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Qxe3 16.Qxe3 Bxe3]
14.Be3 -0.47/21
[14.Rf1± 0.97/20 Nc3 is the strong threat. Bb4+ 15.Nd2 Qxb2 16.Rb1]
14...Nxe3∓ 15.fxe3 Qxe3

(Diagram)



16.Qxe3 Bxe3 17.Nd2 -1.12/19
White is weak on the dark squares
[White should play 17.Bxb5∓ -0.58/19 Rb8 18.Na3]
17...a6↑ Keeping White busy. **18.Be2 Be6 19.Nf3 Rh5** -0.67/20
[19...c5∓ -1.21/21 20.h4 Kc7]
20.Rd1+∓ Ke7



21.Rd3 Bb6 This pair of bishops is nice.
22.b3 c5! Prevents Nd4 **23.Nd4**

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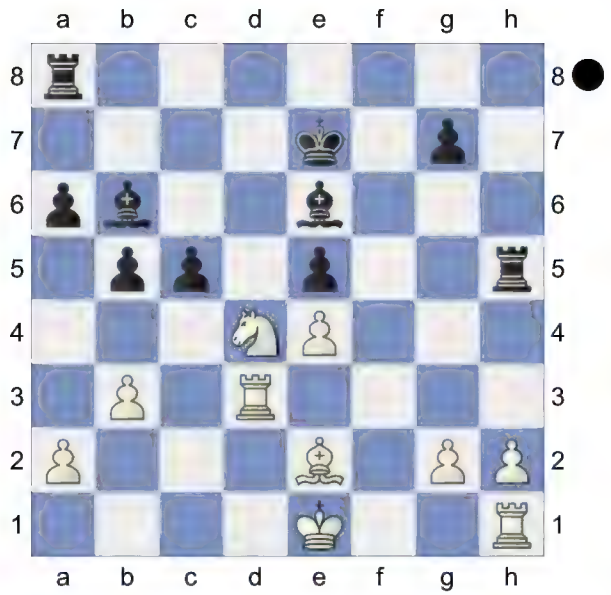
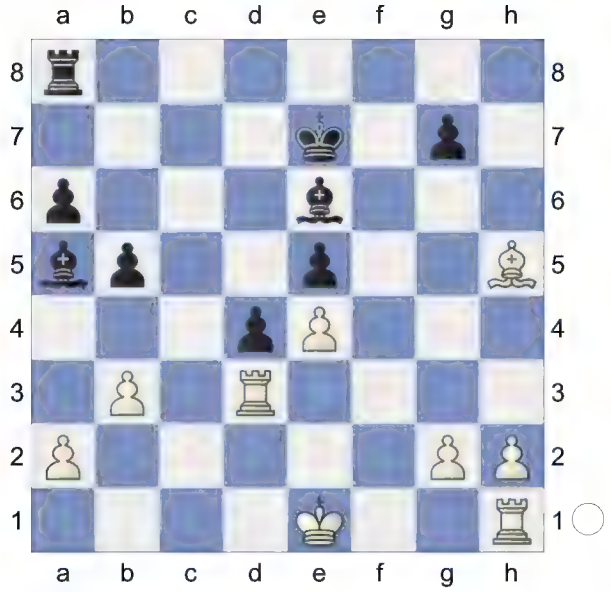


Discovered Attack **23...cxd4** 0.28/22
24.Bxh5= Ba5+ 1.26/20
[Better is 24...g6 0.72/21 25.Bd1 *(25.Bxg6 Rc8±)* 25...Rc8]



25.Kd1!± Rc8 1.83/20
[25...Kd6± 1.25/21]

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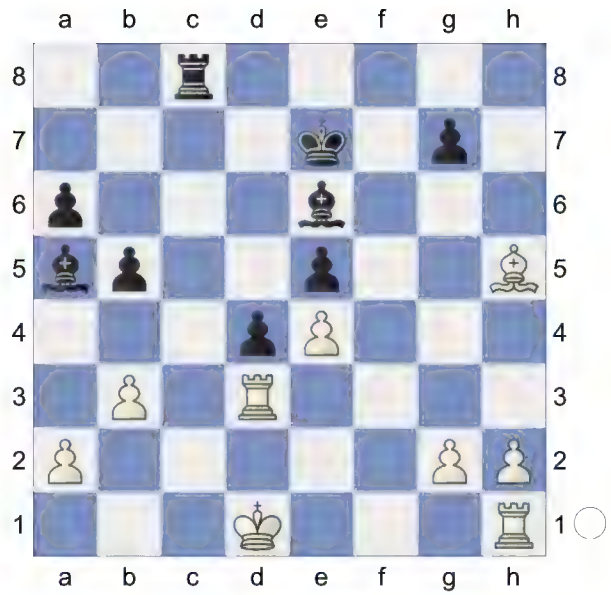
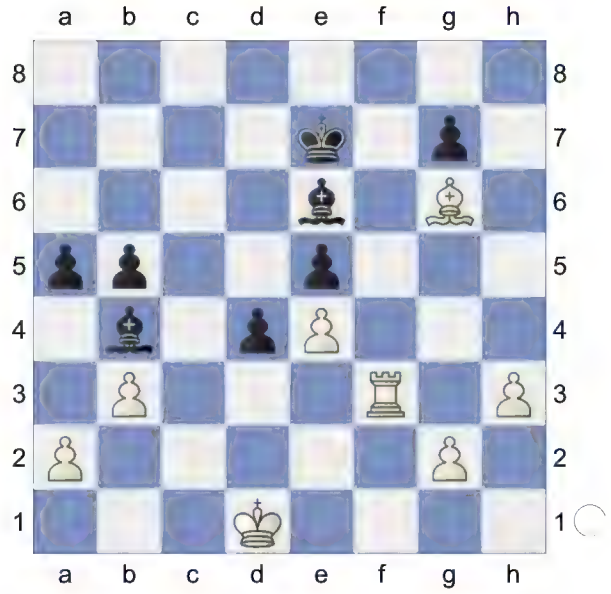
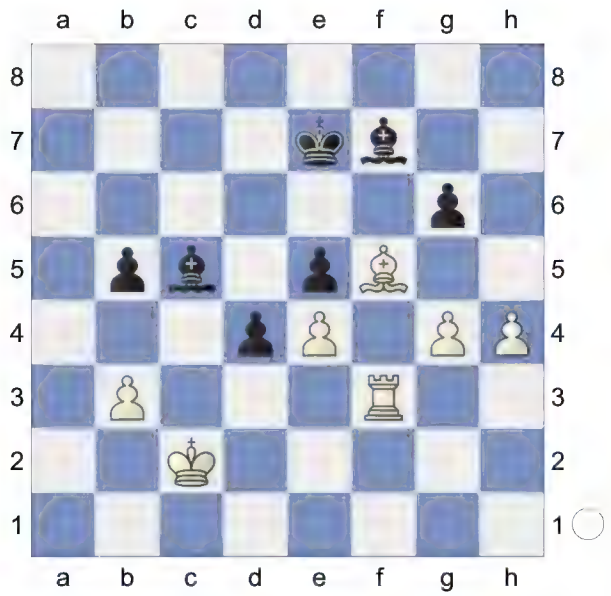


26.h3 0.54/22
[White should try 26.Rg3+- 1.83/20 g5 27.Be2 *(27.Rxg5 d3+-)*]
26...Bb4 1.06/23
[26...Rf8!± 0.54/22]
27.Rf1 Threatens to win with Rg3.
27...Rf8? 2.86/22 A mistake that costs the game.
[27...Ba3± 1.11/22 is a better defense.]
28.Rxf8+- Kxf8 Endgame. KRB-KB
29.Rf3+ Ke7 30.Bg6 a5

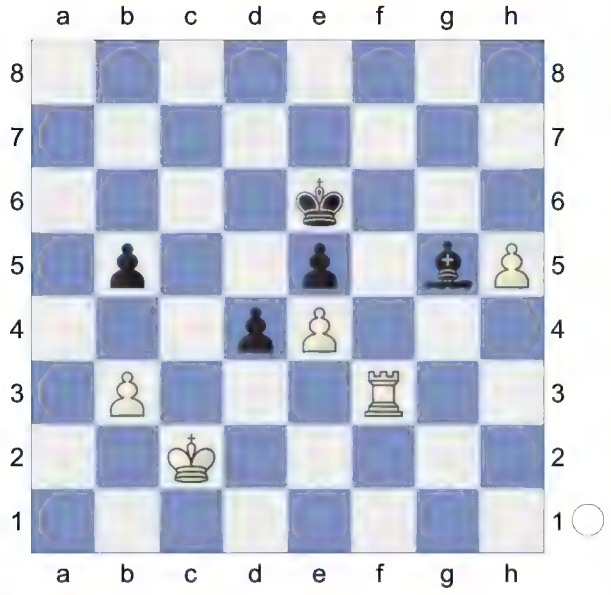


31.Kc2 a4 32.g4 axb3+ 33.axb3

Bc5? 4.69/27
[33...Be1 2.33/24 34.Rf1 Bh4]
34.Bf5 Bf7 35.h4 g6



36.Bd7 Decoy **36...Kxd7?** 11.84/26
[36...Bb4 3.39/23 37.Bxb5 Be6]
37.Rxf7+ KR-KB. White is clearly winning. **37...Ke6 38.Rf3** h5 would now be deadly. **38...Be7 39.h5 gxh5 40.gxh5 Bg5**



41.Rf8 Be7 42.Rf5 Bf6 43.h6

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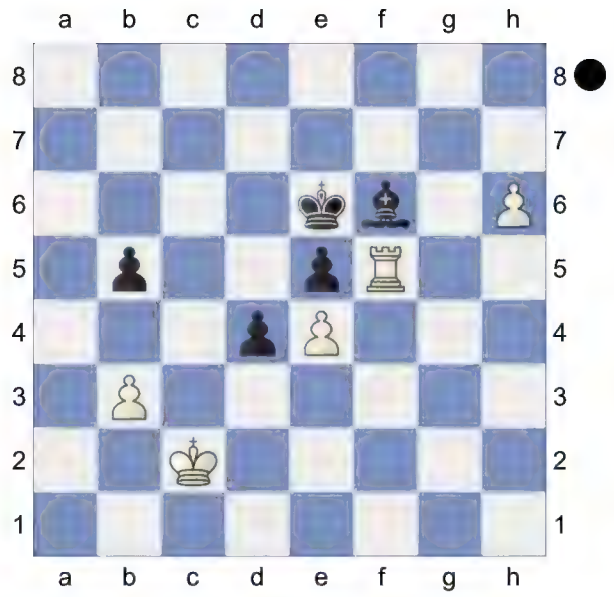

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65 **C57**
□ **Grott,Peter**
■ **Riessenbeck,J**
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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3 Rf8 10.Be3**
[10.c3!? Ng4 11.Nxh7 *(11.cxd4?* loses. *Qxd4 12.Qd2 Nxf2-+)* 11...Nf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxf2 13.Bg5+ Rf6 14.Qc2= *(14.Bxf6+?* too greedy. *gxf6 15.Qd2 Nxd3+ 16.Ke2 Nf4+ 17.Kd1 Qh8-+)*]
10...h6

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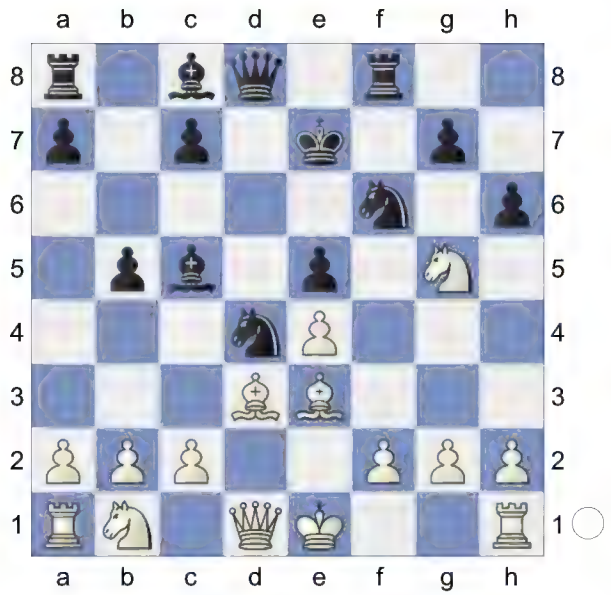


11.c3 0.01/19

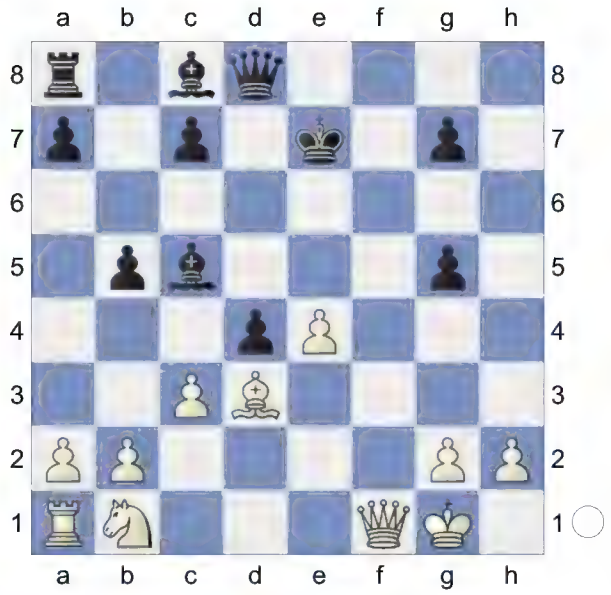
[11.Nf3!± 0.76/19 Bg4 12.Nbd2]

11...Ng4= Strongly threatening ...Nb3!

12.0-0

[12.cxd4 is more complex. Bxd4 13.Rf1 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Rxf1+ 15.Bxf1 Bxb2 16.Qb3]

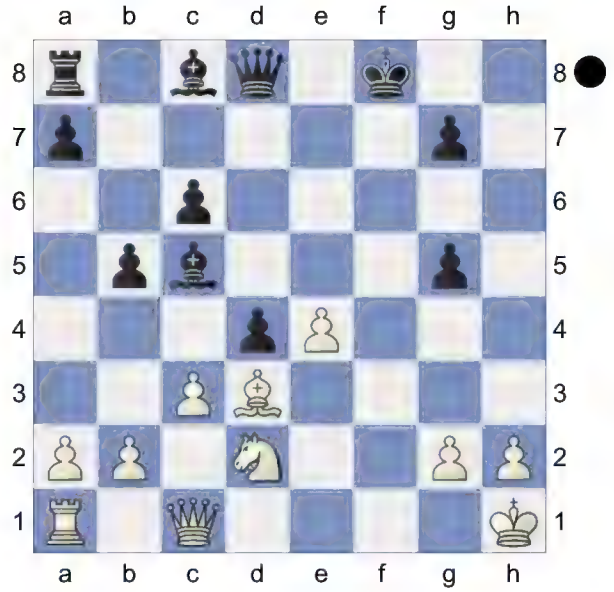
12...Nxe3 13.fxe3 And now Rxf8 would win. **13...Rxf1+ 14.Qxf1 hxg5 15.exd4 exd4**



16.Kh1 Threatening Qc1. **16...c6** 0.55/19

[16...Qd6= 0.01/19]

17.Qc1!± Kf8 18.Nd2



aiming for cxd4. **18...dxc3** 1.30/21

[18...Be6!± 0.65/19]

19.Qxc3± Qd6 1.94/23

[19...Qd4± 1.27/19]

20.Rf1++- White is clearly better.

20...Kg8

21.e5 Qd4 22.Qb3+

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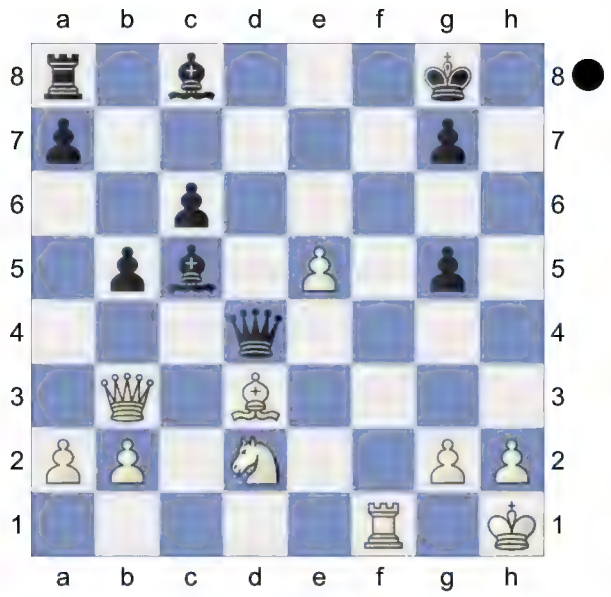

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66 **C57**
□ **Harikrishna,Pentala**
■ **Genovese,Alberto**
Deutschland 71/411 1998
[Konca,INF 78/78]

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4...Bc5 5.d4 d5

6.Bxd5 Nxd4 7.Bxf7+ Ke7 8.Bc4!
White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3**
[9.Be2 0.15/17 9.Bd3 0.69 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4 11.Nxe5? -1.41/19 *(11.Be3±* 0.40/19 *)* 11...Nxf2!∓ 12.Kxf2 Nc6+? 0.07/19 *(12...Qd6∓* -1.49/20 *13.Nd3 Nxe2+ 14.Be3 Rf8+* Deflection *15.Ke1 Bxe3 16.Qxe2 Qd4)* 13.Ke1 Nxe5 14.Qxd8+ -0.59/21 *(14.Bf4=* -0.07/21 *Qd6 15.Qxd6+ cxd6 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Bf3)* 14...Rxd8]

9...h6
[9...Qd6 10.c3 Nc6 11.Qe2 b4 12.Bc4 Rf8 Prevents Nf7.]

10.c3
[10.Nf3 Ng4 11.Rf1 Qd6 12.h3

0.17/19 *(12.Nbd2±* 0.58/18 was preferrable.*)* 12...Nxf3+!= 13.gxf3 Nh2 *(13...Nf6)* 14.Rg1 Prevents Qg6. Rg2 is the strong threat. *(14.Rh1?* -1.40/19 14.Rg1 0.18*)* 14...Qf6! 15.Rg3 Ke2! would now be deadly. Rf8 16.Nd2 Black must now prevent Ke2! g5]

10...hxg5

11.cxd4 Qxd4 12.Qc2 -0.01/21

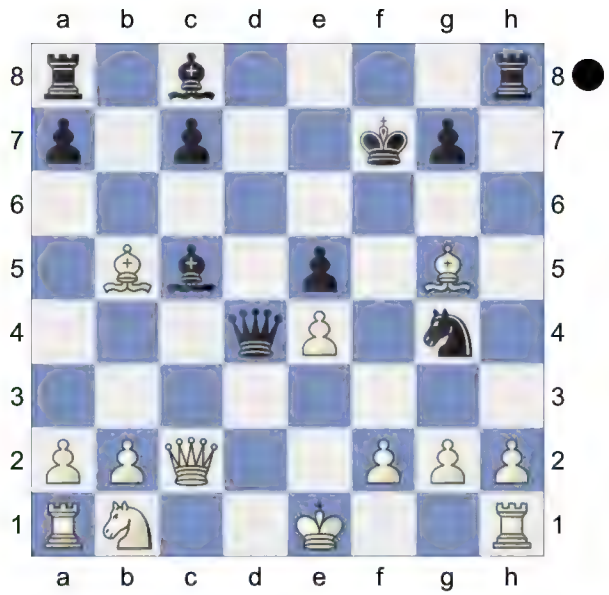
[12.0-0± 0.65/21]

12...Ng4!= 13.Bxg5+ Kf7 14.Bxb5? -1.62/23

[14.Rf1 aiming for Nd2. Nxh2 15.Be3 Qb4+]

[14.Rf1= 0.01/22 and White is okay.]

(Diagram)



This move loses the game for White.

14...Kg6↑ Keeping White busy.

[14...Nxh2 15.Be3 Qb4+ *(15...Nf3+ 16.Ke2∓)* 16.Nc3=]

[14...Qxf2+ 15.Qxf2+ Bxf2+ 16.Ke2±]

15.h4 -2.58/22

[15.Bc1 -1.71/20 might work better.]

15...Rb8

[15...Nxf2 16.Rf1 Rb8 *(16...Nxe4? 17.Nd2+-; 16...Qxe4+? 17.Qxe4+ Nxe4 18.Bd3+-)* 17.Qxf2 *(17.Nc3? Rxb5 18.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 19.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 20.Kxf2 Rxb2+ 21.Kg3 Rc2-+)* 17...Qxf2+ *(17...Rxb5? 18.Qf7+ Kh7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Qe8+ Kh7 21.Qxb5+-)* 18.Rxf2∓]

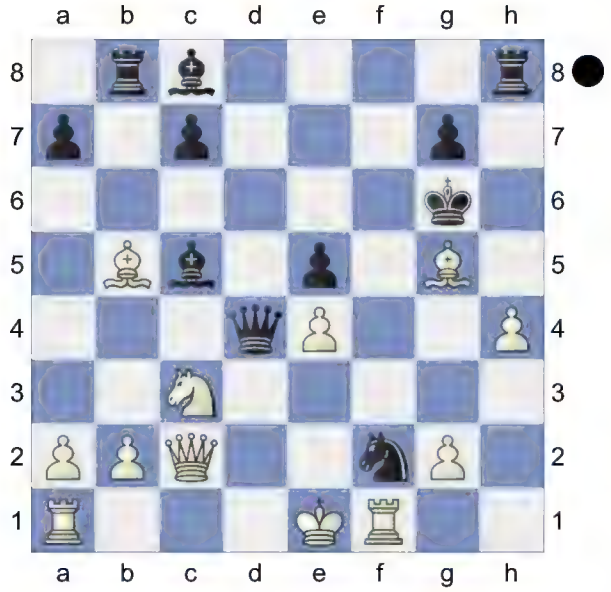
[15...Qxf2+ 16.Qxf2 Bxf2+ *(16...Nxf2 17.Rf1=)* 17.Ke2=]

(Diagram)

16.Nc3

[16.f3 Rxb5]

16...Nxf2 17.Rf1



Rxb5! 18.Nxb5 -4.23/25

[⌂18.Qxf2 -2.98/26 Qxf2+ 19.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 20.Kxf2 Rxb2+ 21.Kg3]

[18.Rxf2 Qxf2+]

18...Nd3+

[18...Qxe4+ 19.Qxe4+ Nxe4 20.Nxc7=]

19.Kd2 -6.84/23

[⌂19.Kd1 -4.52/25 Bg4+ *(19...Qxb2 20.Qxb2 Nxb2+ 21.Kc2±; 19...Nxb2+ 20.Kc1∓; 19...Qxe4 20.Nc3∓)* 20.Rf3 Bxf3+ 21.gxf3 Nxb2+ Discovered Attack (Double Check) *(21...Qxb2 22.Qxb2 Nxb2+ 23.Ke2±; 21...Qd7? 22.Nc3-+)* 22.Kc1 Nd3+ 23.Kd2 Qxa1 24.Kxd3 Qf1+ 25.Qe2 Qb1+ 26.Kc4 Qb4+ 27.Kd5]

19...Bb4+

[19...Qxb2? perishes. 20.Qxb2 *(20.Kxd3 Qxb5+ 21.Qc4 Qc6=; 20.Nxc7? Bb4+ 21.Kxd3 Qd4+ 22.Ke2 Bg4+ 23.Rf3 Qxa1-+)* 20...Nxb2 21.Rfc1+- *(21.Nxc7 Nc4+ 22.Kd3 Nb2+ 23.Kc2 Nc4+-)*]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.01 (flawless)

0-1

67 **C57**
□ **Guanzi**
■ **Mansenglund**
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[Kitty Kat]

C57: Two Knights: Wilkes-Barre/Traxler and 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5, unusual Black 5th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
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4...Bc5 5.d4 Nxd4 0.97/20
[5...d5= -0.10/19 6.Bxd5 Nxd5 7.dxc5 Nde7]

6.Nxf7± White is more active. **6...Qe7 7.Nxh8 d5** Deflection **8.exd5** -0.56/19
[8.Bxd5 Bg4 9.Bf7+ *(9.Ng6 hxg6 10.Qd3 Nxd5-+)* 9...Kf8=]
[8.Be2± 0.70/17]

8...Bf5 0.91/19
[8...Bg4∓ -0.56/19 keeps the upper hand. 9.Qd2 Ne4]

9.Bd3? -0.88/20
[9.0-0± 0.91/19 keeps the pressure on.]

9...e4∓ 10.Be2 -2.01/21
[10.d6∓ -0.90/18 was necessary. Qe6 11.Bb5+ Nxb5 12.dxc7]

10...0-0-0? 0.01/20

[10...Nxd5 11.Be3 Nxe3 12.fxe3±]

[10...e3!-+ -2.01/21 11.d6 exf2+ *(11...Nxc2+? 12.Qxc2* Double Attack *exf2+ 13.Kf1+-; 11...Qxd6? 12.Bxe3 Nxc2+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *13.Kf1-+)* 12.Kxf2 Nxc2+ *(12...Nxe2+ 13.Ke1=)* 13.Kf1 Qxd6 *(13...cxd6? 14.Nc3-+; 13...Bxd6? 14.g4-+)* 14.Bb5+ *(14.Qxd6? cxd6 15.h3 Nxa1-+)* 14...Kf8 15.Qxd6+ cxd6]

11.Be3 -1.17/21

[11.0-0!= 0.01/20 was the only way to keep the balance.]

11...Rxd5? 1.27/21

[11...Nxe2? 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.Qxe2+- *(13.Nf7? Nf4-+)*]

[11...Nxd5∓ -1.17/21 stays on course. 12.Bxd4 Nf4]

(Diagram)

12.c3? -2.16/22

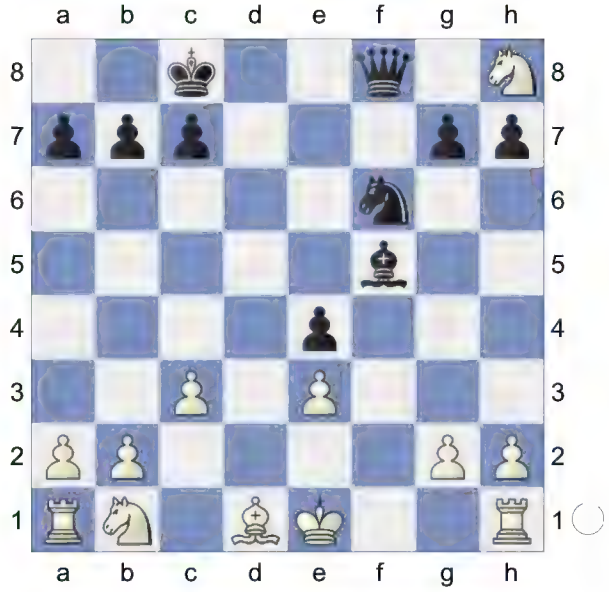
[12.Nd2!± 1.27/21 is forced if you want to stay better.]

12...Nf3+-+ Discovered Attack **13.Bxf3?** -5.83/21

[13.gxf3 -2.64/23 Rxd1+ 14.Kxd1]

13...Rxd1+ 14.Bxd1 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Qf8? -0.26/21

[15...Nd5-+ -2.63/21 16.Kd2 Nxe3 Decoy 17.Kxe3 Qg5+ 18.Kd4 Qxg2]



16.Rf1 -0.84/22

[16.0-0!= -0.26/21 Bd7 17.Rf4]

16...Qc5 17.Nd2 Qxe3+ 18.Be2 Bg4 -0.11/21

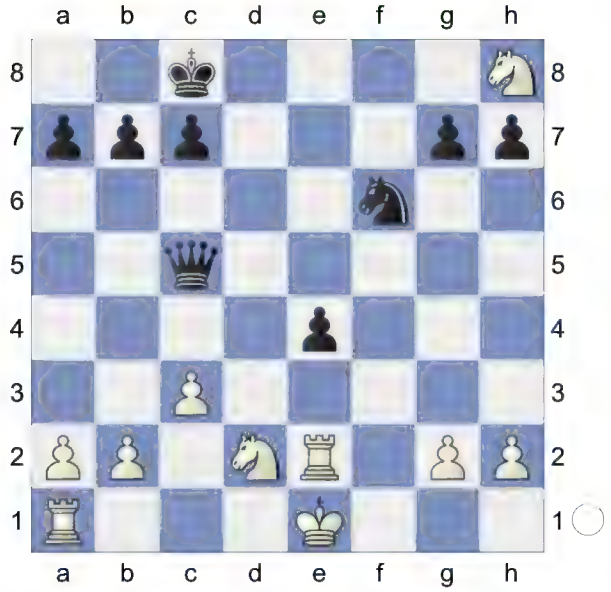
[18...Be6∓ -0.57/22 19.Rd1 a6 *(19...Bxa2 20.c4=; 19...Kb8 20.Nc4±)*]

19.Rf2= Bxe2 0.38/24

[19...Be6∓ -0.45/19]

20.Rxe2± Qc5 1.37/20

[Black should play 20...Qg1+± 0.57/21 21.Nf1 Qc5]



21.Rd1!± Qg1+ 1.89/5

[21...Qf5± 1.27/20 is a better defense.]

22.Nf1+- Ng4 23.Nf7

[23.Rxe4? Qf2#]

23...b6 24.g3

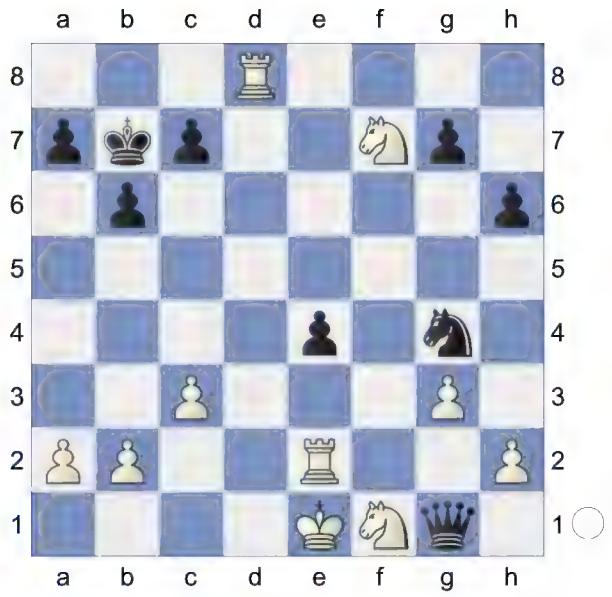
[24.Rxe4? Qf2#]

24...h6 25.Rd8+

[25.Rxe4? Qf2#]

25...Kb7

(Diagram)



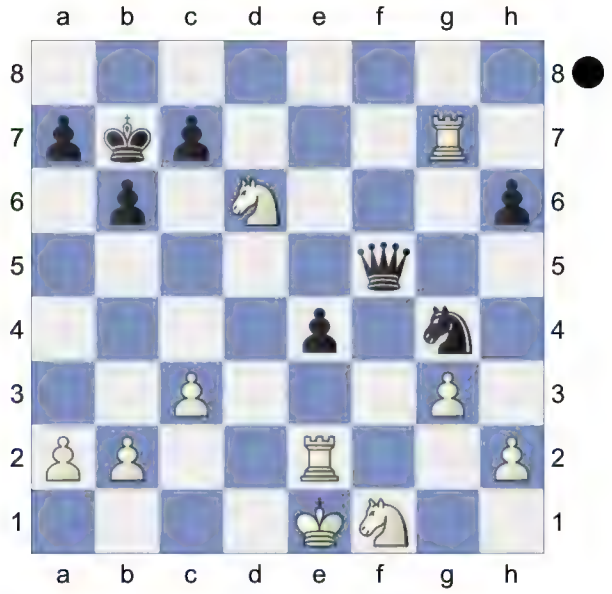
26.Rg8

[26.Rxe4 Qf2+ *(26...Nxh2 27.Rf4=)* 27.Kd1 Qf3+ *(27...Qxf1+? 28.Kd2-+; 27...Qxf7? 28.Re1∓)* 28.Re2 Qxf1+ *(28...Qxf7 29.Ne3∓)* 29.Kd2 Qxf7-+]

26...Qc5 27.Rxg7 Qf5 21.74/23

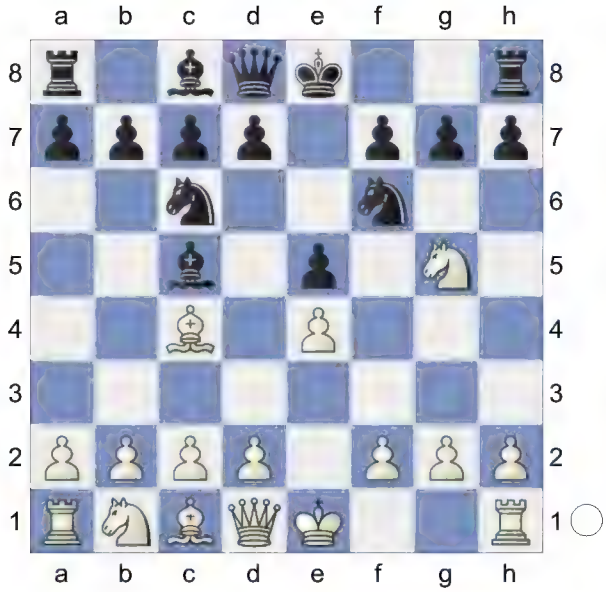
[⌓27...h5 4.29/22 28.Nd8+ *(28.Rxe4? perishes. Qf2+* Deflection, Double Attack *29.Kd1 Qxf1+ 30.Kd2 Qb1-+)* 28...Kb8]

28.Nd6+



White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/
Black=0.77
1-0



C57 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5

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	Nxd4[2]	Qe7	d5	Qxf7	dxc4	0-0	Be6[5]
2	. . .	exd5	c3[6]	0-0	Nd2[7]	Bd3	Nde4
	d5	Nxd4	Nf5	0-0	Nd6[8]	Bb6[9]	Ndxe4[10]
3	. . .	dxc5	Qxd8+	Nc3[11]	Nb5	Bxg5	Bxf6
	. . .	dxc4	Nxd8	Ne6[12]	Nxg5[13]	Kd7[14]	gxf6[15]
4	. . .	Bxd5	c3	exd5	dxc6	cxb7	Qa4+
	. . .	Bb4+[16]	Nxd5	Be7[17]	Bxg5	Bxb7	c6[18]
5	. . .	. . .	dxc5	a3[20]	Kxd1	b4	Bb2[22]
	. . .	Nxd5	Ndb4[19]	Qxd1+	Na6	Nd4[21]	b6[23]
6	. . .	. . .	Bxf7+[24]	Bc4[26]	Bd3[28]	c3[30]	Rf1[32]
	. . .	Nxd4	Ke7[25]	b5[27]	Rf8[29]	Ng4[31]	Rxf2[33]
7	. . .	Bxf7+	Bd5[34]	Nf3[36]	Bg5	Nh4	0-0
	Bxd4!	Ke7	Rf8[35]	Bb6	d6	Ke8	Bg4[37]
8	. . .	Nxf7	Kxf2	Kg1[38]	g3	hxg3	Kf1
	. . .	Bxf2+	Nxe4+	Qh4	Nxg3	Qxg3+	Rf8[39]

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9	. . .	. . .	Nxh8	exd5	Kxf2	Ke3	Kxe4
	. . .	Qe7	d5[40]	Bxf2+	Ne4+	Qc5+	Qxc4+[41]
10	. . .	c3!	Bxf7+[43]	Bb3	0-0	Qd3[44]	Nf3
	. . .	Bb6[42]	Ke7	Rf8	d6	h6	Qe8[45]

[1] **5.Bxf7+!** Ke7 6.Bb3
[6.Bd5 Trajkovic,Mihajlo: '!' Trajkovic, Mihajlo: 'Ü 4/265 Trajkovic,M: '] 4/ 265" h6 7.Nf3 d6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.d3!±]
6...Qe8≅
[6...Rf8 7.0-0 h6 8.Nf3 d6] 9.h3!? Qe8 10.Nc3 g5 11.d3 Be6 12.Nd5+ Kd7∞ 13.c3?! g4! 14.Bxh6 gxf3!± 15.Bxf8!? Qxf8 16.Qxf3 Nh7 17.Nxc7 Qxf3! 18.gxf3 Rg8+ 19.Kh2 Bxb3 20.axb3 Kxc7 21.b4 ChessCalisthenics: 'Krasnov,Y (2368)-Sergeev,G (2412)/Tula 2006/ EXT 2008/1-0 (44)']
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5.Nxf7 Ü 3/253 Trajkovic,M: '] 3/ 253'

[2] **5...exd4** '?' '?' Konikowski: '?' '?'
6.Nxf7 Qe7 7.Nxh8 Ne5
[7...Nxe4 8.0-0 d6 9.Qh5+ g6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Qxg6+ 1-0 (11) Maloberti,D (2101)-Parker,S (804) IECG email 2000]
[7...d3 8.cxd3 d5 9.Bb3 Ng4 10.0-0 Qh4 11.Bf4 Bxf2+ 12.Kh1 Nxh2 0-1 (12) Taylor,R (1723)-Crnilovic,G (1528) ICCF 2024]
[7...Qxe4+ 8.Qe2+- Estrin,Y]
8.Bb3 d5 9.Bg5 dxe4 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qh5+ Ke7 12.Nd2 Bf5 13.0-0 Rxh8 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Rae1 Bf5 16.f4 g6 17.fxe5 Qc6 18.Qh4+ Ke8 19.Kh1 h5 20.c3 dxc3 21.bxc3 Rf8 22.Rd1 Be7 23.Qd4 Qc5 24.Bc4 1-0 (24) Li,C (2320)-Qiao,L (2348) Jiangsu Wuxi 2008

[3] **6.Bxf7+** Ke7 7.Bc4 Rf8 8.Nc3 h6 9.Nf3 d6∞ Gofshtein - Nakonechny, USSR 1961 C 57/01

[4] **7.Nxh8** d5 8.c3 Heemsoth: '!' '!'
[8.exd5 Qf8 *(8...Bg4 9.f3 Ne4 10.fxg4 Qh4+ 11.g3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Qxh1+ 13.Kd2 Nf3+ 14.Ke2 Nd4+ 15.Kd2 Qe4 16.Be2 Nf3+ 17.Kc3 Qb4+* 0-1 (17) Rabello,D (1958)-Frota,

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[8.Be2! dxe4 9.Be3 Bf5 10.c3 0-0-0 11.cxd4 exd4 12.Bg5 Bb4+∞ Mednis - Santasiere, USA 1955 C 57/01-N,N]

8...Bg4 9.f3 Nxf3+

[9...Nxe4 10.cxd4 Qh4+ 11.g3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Qxh1+ 13.Bf1 Bh3 14.Qe2 Bxd4 15.Nc3+-]

10.gxf3 Nxe4 11.h4 0-0-0 12.Bxd5 Nf2 13.Qb3 Nd3+ 14.Kd1 Bxf3+ 15.Bxf3 e4 16.Bg4+ Kb8 17.Bg5 Nf2+ 18.Ke2 Qd6 19.Nd2 Qd3+ 20.Ke1 Nxg4 21.Bxd8 e3 22.Nf1 e2 23.Bxc7+ Kxc7 24.Qf7+ Kd8 25.Qg8+ 1-0 (25) Schemmann,B (2297)-Rheindt,S (1272) www.remoteschach.de 2008

5 **12.Be3** Rad8 13.Qc2 Rd3 14.Re1 b5 15.cxb6 cxb6 16.Na3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Qd7 18.Rxd3 cxd3 19.Qb1 d2 20.Rd1 Rc1 21.Rxc1 dxc1Q+ 22.Qxc1 Bxa2 23.Qc3 Qe7 24.Nb5 Ne8 25.Qa3 Qxa3 26.bxa3 a6 27.Nc3 Bc4 28.Bxb6 Kf7 29.Kf2 Ke6 30.Bc5 Nf6 31.Bf8 Kf7 32.Bd6 Ke6 33.Bc7 Nd7 34.g3 Nc5 35.f4 exf4 36.gxf4 Kd7 37.Bb6 Ne6 38.f5 Kc6 39.fxe6 Kxb6 40.Nd5+ Kb7 41.Ke3 1-0 (41) Vasilev,A (2366)-Tselousov,V (2362)

6 **7.d6** 0-0 8.0-0

[8.dxc7 Qxc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.Qd3 Bf5 0-1 (10) Pigulla,D-Wessel,R freechess.de 2018]

8...Bf5 9.dxc7 Qxc7 10.Be3 Nxc2 11.Bxc5 Qxc5 12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.Nxf7 Kxf7 14.Nc3 Nxa1 15.Qxa1 Rd8 16.h3 Rd2 17.Qc1 Rc2 18.Qg5 Bd3 19.Rd1 Qxf2+ 20.Kh1 h6 21.Rd2 Rxd2 22.Qxd2 Qxd2 0-1 (22) Libertus,J (1519)-Rybka,A (1185) LSS email 2019

7.0-0 Bg4 8.Qd3 Be2 9.Qh3 Bxc4 0-1 (9) Taroak (1375)-Pruliere (1840) www.playchess.de 2006

7.Nc3 Bg4 8.f3 Bf5 9.Bd3 c6 10.dxc6 bxc6 11.Bxf5 Nxf5 12.Qxd8+ Rxd8 13.Nge4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Nd4 15.Bg5 Nxc2+ 16.Ke2 Be7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Rac1 Nd4+ 19.Kf2 Rb8 20.b3 Rb5 21.Nc5 Kd6 22.Ne4+ Kc7 23.Nc5 Rd8 24.Rhe1 Rd5 25.Ne4 Rb4 26.Nc5 Kc8 27.f4 exf4 28.Re7 Rb5 29.Ne4 Rd7 30.Rxf7 Rxf7 31.Nd6+ Kd7 32.Nxf7 Ke7 33.Rd1 Rd5 34.Ne5 Rxe5 35.Rxd4 g5 36.h4 h6 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.g3 fxg3+ 39.Kxg3 Ra5 40.Rd2 Kf6 41.Rd6+ Kf5 42.Rxc6 Rxa2 43.Rc5+ Kg6 44.Rc6+ Kh5 45.Rc7 Ra3 46.Rh7+ Kg6 47.Rb7 a5 48.Kg4 a4 49.Rb6+ Kf7 50.bxa4

Rxa4+ 51.Kxg5 ½-½ (51) Valentin Pascual,C-Garcia Fernandez,C (2360) Valencia 1994

7 **9.Bb3** Nd6 10.Qe1 e4 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 h6 13.Nh3 Ng4 14.Qe2 Qh4 15.f3 Ne5 16.Nf2 Bf5 17.Nd2 Rae8 18.Ndxe4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Ng6 20.Qf2 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Rxe4 22.Qxa7 Re2 23.Rf2 Rfe8 24.Raf1 b6 25.Qxc7 Rxf2 26.Rxf2 Re1+ 27.Rf1 Nf4 28.Qc8+ Kh7 29.Bd1 Qg5 30.Bf3 Nh3+ 31.Qxh3 Qe3+ 0-1 (31) Furstner, F-Schulman,M Ottawa 1962

8 **9...Ne3** 10.fxe3 Bxe3+ 11.Kh1 Bxg5 12.Nf3 Bxc1 13.Rxc1 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qd2 Qd6 16.Bb3 Rae8 17.c4 b6 18.Ba4 Re7 19.Qe3 Bg6 20.Rce1 Nh5 21.Nh4 f5 22.Nxf5 Rxf5 23.Rxf5 Bxf5 24.g4 Bxg4 25.hxg4 Nf4 26.Bc2 Qh6+ 27.Kg1 Qh4 28.Bd1 h5 0-1 (28) Huebner,W-Weisshaupt,R Germany 1986

9 **10...h6** 11.Nge4 Nfxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 f5

[13...Qh4 14.Bc2 Bg4 15.Qd3 f5 16.Qg3 Qh5 17.h3 Be2 18.Re1 Rf6 19.Qxe5 Re8 20.Qh2 g5 21.Qxc7 Bd6 22.Qd7 g4 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Qxd6 gxh3 25.Bxh6 Kh7 26.Bf4 hxg2 27.Bh2 Rxf2 28.Kxf2 Qf3+ 29.Kg1 Qe3+ 30.Kxg2 Qf3+ 0-1 (30) Radic,P-Muench,K Germany South 1977]

14.Bc2 Qh4

[14...e4 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qh4 17.c4 Qf6 18.Qc1 Qe5 19.a4 a5 20.Bb3 b6 21.Qc2 f4 22.exf4 Rxf4 23.Rxf4 Qxf4 24.c5 Qe3+ 25.Kh1 Ba6 26.d6+ Kf8 27.Bc4 Bxc4 28.Qxc4 1-0 (28) Suwara,K (1845)-Feng,J (1127) LSS 2011]

15.Qe2 Bd6 16.Re1 f4 17.Be4 Bg4 18.Bf3 Bf5 19.Be4 Rae8 20.g3 Qf6 21.Bxf5 Qxf5 22.Qe4 Qh3 23.Qg2 Qh5 24.Bd2 f3 25.Qf1 e4 26.c4 Rf5 27.Rad1 Qg4 28.Be3 Rh5 29.c5 Rh3 30.Kh1 Re5 31.cxd6 Reh5 32.Qg1 Rxh2+ 33.Qxh2 Rxh2+ 0-1 (33) Wenke, O (2025)-Horak,J (2200) Nachod 2001

10 **12.Nxe4** Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Qh4 14.Bc2 Bd7 15.Be3 Rad8 16.Bxb6 axb6 17.Qe2 Rfe8 18.Rad1 Bc8 19.Rfe1 f6 20.b4 Bg4 21.f3 Bh5 22.Qe3 Bf7 23.Bb3 b5 24.Qc5 e4 25.g3 Qh3 26.fxe4 Qd7 27.Qf2 Re5 28.Qa7 b6 29.a4 h5 30.axb5 h4 31.Qa2 hxg3 32.hxg3 Qd6 33.Qf2 Kf8 34.Bc2 Ke7 1-0 (34) Ivanov,A (2323)-Goliusov,S Kharkov 2003

11 **8.Na3** 0-0

[8...h6 9.Nf3 *(9.Nb5 hxg5 10.Nxc7+ Ke7 11.Nxa8 Ne6 12.Bd2 Bd7 13.Bb4 Bc6 14.Nb6 axb6 15.cxb6+ Ke8 16.f3 Nd7 17.Ba5 g4 18.0-0-0 Ke7 19.Bb4+ Kf6 20.Ba5 Ra8 21.Bc3 Rxa2 22.Kb1 Ra6 23.Rhf1 Rxb6 24.f4 Ke7 25.fxe5 Rb5 26.Rf2 Nxe5 27.Rdf1 f6 28.Bxe5 Rxe5 29.Re1 Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Bxe4 31.Kc1 Nd4 32.c3 Nb3+ 33.Kd1 Nc5 34.Rd2 Nd3 35.g3 Kd6 36.Ke2 Ke5 37.Ke3 g5 38.Ke2 f5 39.Kf1 Bf3 40.b4 cxb3 41.Rxd3 b2 42.Re3+ Be4* 0-1 (42) Ravot,C-Wagner,B (1943) Lyon 2003 *)* 9...Nxe4 *(9...c3 10.Nb5 cxb2 11.Bxb2 Ne6 12.Bxe5 Bd7 13.Nxc7+ Nxc7 14.Bxc7 Nxe4 15.Bd6 0-0-0 16.0-0 b6 17.Rfe1 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nxd6 19.cxd6 Bg6 20.Nc6*

Rxd6 21.Nxa7+ Kb7 22.Re7+ Ka6 23.a4 Rhd8 24.Kf1 R6d7 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.Nc6 Rc7 27.Nd4 Rc4 28.Rd1 Rxa4 29.Rd2 Rc4 30.f4 Be4 31.g3 Ka5 32.Ke1 Kb4 33.Kd1 Kc3 34.Nb5+ Kb2 35.Nd4 f5 36.Ke2 g6 37.Kd1 h5 38.Ke2 Rc3 39.Kd1 Kb1 40.Nb5 Re3 41.c4 Bf3+ 0-1 (41) Schmidt,B-Ballbe Anglada,F Rochester 1958*)* 10.Nxe5 Nxc5 *(10...c3 11.b3 0-0 12.Be3 Re8 13.0-0-0 b6 14.Rhe1 Bb7 15.Nd7 Re7 16.f3 Nd2 17.Bd4 Rxd7 18.Bxc3 Nxb3+ 19.axb3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Ne6 21.cxb6 axb6 22.Nb5 f6 23.Rd7 Ba6 24.Nd4 Nxd4 25.Bxd4 c5 26.Be3 Bf1 27.g3 Bg2 28.Rd6 Rb8 29.f4 Be4* ½-½ (29) D Ettorre,R (1690)-Ziegler,P (1837) FICGS email 2008*)* 11.Be3 Ne4 12.Naxc4 Nf6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Rhe1 Ng4 15.Nxg4 Bxg4 16.Bc5 Bxd1 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Rxd1 Ne6 19.Na5 b6 20.Nc6 Ke8 21.b4 Nd8 22.Nd4 a5 23.b5 Rc8 24.Nf5 Kf8 25.Kb2 Nb7 26.g4 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Nxd8 28.Kc3 Ne6 29.Kc4 Ke8 30.Kd5 Kd7 31.h4 g5 32.h5 Nf4+ 33.Ke5 Nh3 34.f3 Ng1 35.Ke4 Ke6 36.Nxh6 Kf6 37.Nf5 Ne2 38.Kd3 Nf4+ 39.Ke4 Ne6 40.Kd5 Nf4+ 41.Kc6 Ne6 42.c3 a4 43.Nd4 Nf4 44.c4 Ke5 45.Nf5 Ne6 46.h6 Nf8 47.Kxc7 1-0 (47) Gudok,V (2109)-Feng,J (1021) LSS 2012]

[8...a6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nxc4 h6 11.Nf3 Nxe4 12.Ncxe5 Nxc5 13.Be3 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.c4 Be6 16.b3 Nc6 ½-½ (16) Carlier,B-Halasz,T Schilde 1973]

9.f3 h6 10.Nh3 Be6 11.Nf2 Nc6 12.c3 Rad8 13.Be3 Rd7 14.Ke2 Rfd8 15.Rhd1 ½-½ (15) Augustin,H (2244)-Riessenbeck,J

8.0-0 Nd7

[8...Ne6 9.Nxe6 Bxe6 10.Nc3 0-0-0 11.b4 cxb3 12.axb3 Kb8 13.c6 b6 14.Bb2 Bc8 15.Nb5 a6 16.Bxe5 axb5 17.Ra2 Bd7 18.cxd7 Rxd7 19.Rfa1 Kb7 20.f3 Nh5 21.c4 bxc4 22.Ra7+ Kc6 23.Rc1 b5 24.bxc4 Kb6 25.Ra2 Rhd8 26.cxb5 f6 27.Bc3 Rd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bd2 Rh1 31.g4 Rxh2+ 32.Kg1 Rh3 33.Kg2 Rg3+ 34.Kf2 Rh3 35.Be3+ Kxb5 36.Rd2 Rh2+ 37.Kg1 Rxd2 38.Bxd2 Ng3 39.Kf2 Nxe4+ 40.fxe4 h6 41.Bf4 c5 42.Bd6 c4 43.Bf8 1-0 (43) O'Kearney,S-Wastel,H ICCF corr 1990]

9.f4 f6 10.Nf3 exf4 11.Na3 Ne6 12.c6 bxc6 13.Rd1 Ba6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Rxd4 g5 16.b3 0-0-0 17.Bb2 Ne5 18.bxc4 Rxd4 19.Bxd4 Rd8 20.c3 c5 21.Bxc5 Rd2 22.Rf1 Rxa2 23.Rf2 Ra1+ 24.Rf1 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Nxc4 26.Nxc4 Bxc4+ 27.Ke1 a5 28.Be7 a4 29.Kd2 g4 30.Bxf6 a3 31.Kc1 Kd7 32.Bg5 f3 33.gxf3 gxf3 34.Bh4 Ke6 35.Bg3 Bd3 0-1 (35) Abdullah,M (2205)-Thipsay,P (2415) Genting Highlands 1989

8.b4 cxb3 9.cxb3 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4 11.Nxe5 Nxc5 12.Ba3 0-0 13.0-0 withdrawn 1-0 (13) Quinlan,T (1166)-Tritar,K (2150) IECG 2000

8.Nd2 Ne6

[8...h6 9.Ngf3 Nc6 10.Nxc4 Nxe4 11.Ncxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxc5 13.Be3 Ne6 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Rhe1 b6 16.g3 ½-½ (16) Rost,H-Schneider, W corr 1993]

9.Nxc4 Nd4 10.Na3 h6 11.Nf3 Nxe4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Nb5 Kd8 14.c6 d3 15.cxd3 Nc5 16.Be3 bxc6 17.Nxa7 Nxd3+ 18.Kd2 Ba6 19.Nxc6+ Kd7

20.Rac1 Nxc1 21.Rxc1 Rhe8 22.g3 g5 23.a3 Bb5 24.Nd4 c6 25.Kc3 Rab8

12 **8...h6** 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.h3
[10.Be3 Be6 11.0-0-0 Ng4 12.Rhe1 f6 13.a4 Nb4 14.h3 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 Na6 16.a5 Nxc5 17.Nb5 Na6 18.Nd2 Rd8 19.Rde1 Rd7 20.Na3 c3 21.Rxc3 0-0 22.Nf3 Nb4 23.Kb1 b6 24.axb6 axb6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.b3 Ra8 27.Nb2 c5 28.Nc4 Rda7 29.Kb2 b5 0-1 (29) D'Ettorre,R (1697)-Whitman,R (1968) corr FICGS 2007]
[10.Nb5 Kd8 11.Be3 Nxe4 12.0-0-0+ Bd7 13.Rd5 Re8 14.Rhd1 Re7 15.c3 f5 16.Nd2 Nf6 17.Rd6 f4 18.Nxc4 fxe3 19.Nxe3 cxd6 20.Nxd6 Kc7 21.Nb5+ Kb8 22.Nc4 e4 23.Ne3 Ne5 24.Nf5 Bxf5 25.Rd8+ Bc8 26.Nd6 Kc7 27.Rf8 Nd3+ 28.Kd2 Nxf2 29.Ke3 Nd1+ 30.Ke2 Bg4+ 0-1 (30) Rheindt,S (1450)-Offenborn,H (2101) BdF 2008]
10...Be6 11.Bd2 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.Be3 g6 14.Nh4 Rdg8 15.a3 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Nxc5 19.Rhe1 Rd8 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.Na4 Nxa4 22.Rxe6 Rg8 23.Rxh6 c3 24.b4 Nb6 25.Kb1 Nd5 26.Rg6 Rxg6 27.Nxg6 Ke8 28.g3 Nd4 29.Be5 Ne2 30.Nf4 Nexf4 ½-½ (30) Goldbecker,K (1994)-Lisakowski,C (1985) freechess.de 2004

8...c6 9.Nf3
[9.h3 h6 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nxc5 12.Nxe5 Be6 13.Be3 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.Rfe1 0-0 16.Rad1 Be6 17.e5 b5 18.a3 a5 19.Bc5 Re8 20.Ne4 Nb7 21.Nd6 Nxd6 22.Bxd6 Rad8 23.f4 Bd5 ½-½ (23) Gorman,A (702)-Feng,J (968) LSS 2016 Draw agreed]
9...Nd7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nd2 Ne6 12.Nxc4 Nexc5 13.Nd6 Ne6 14.0-0-0 Nf6 15.f3 Ne8 16.Nxc8 Rxc8 17.Rd2 Rd8 18.Rxd8 Nxd8 19.Bc5 b6 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.Rd1 Ke7 22.b3 Ne6 23.Na4 Nd6 24.Nb2 f5 25.exf5 Nxf5 26.Nd3 Ne3 27.Rd2 Kf6 28.Re2 Nf1 29.Rxe5 Nxh2 30.Re1 1-0 (30) De Paus,P (1374)-Feng,J (1127) LSS 2011

8...a6 9.f4 Be6 10.f5 Bd7 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Bg5 Ng8 13.Nd5 Rc8 14.0-0-0 f6 15.Bh4 Nge7 16.Bxf6 Nxd5 17.Bxg7 Rg8 18.exd5 Bxf5 19.dxc6 Rxg7 20.Rhe1 Re7 21.cxb7 Rb8 22.c6 Bg4 23.Rxe5 Rxe5 24.Nxe5 Bxd1 25.Kxd1 1-0 (25) A,S-Huuskonen,V Finland 1972

13 **9...0-0** 10.Nxe6 Bxe6 11.Nxc7 Rac8 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.f3 Rxc5 14.Bd2 Rd8 15.0-0-0 Kf7 16.Be3 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Ra5 18.Kb1 b6 19.Rd8 Ke7 20.Rc8 Ra4 21.Ra8 Nd7 22.b3 cxb3 23.cxb3 Ra6 24.Rh8 Nf6 25.Bd2 Kf7 26.Bc3 h6 27.Bxe5 Ra5 28.Bd4 e5 29.Be3 Ng8 30.h4 b5 31.g4 Ra6 32.g5 hxg5 33.hxg5 Rg6 34.Rh2 a6 35.Rc2 Ne7 36.Rc7 Rc6 37.Rb7 Kf8 38.b4 Ng6 39.Bf2 Nf4 40.Rd7 Rg6 41.Ra7 Kg8 42.Be3 Nd3 43.Bd2 Nf4 44.a3 Ne2 45.Be3 Nf4 46.Kc2 Rxg5 47.Rxa6 Rg3 48.Ra5 Rxf3 49.Bb6 Ng6 50.Kb2 Rf4 51.Rxb5 Rxe4 52.a4 Re2+ 53.Kb3 Re1 54.a5 Ra1 55.Rc5 Kf7 56.a6 Rxa6 57.Bc7 e4 58.b5 Ra1 59.Kb2 Ra4 60.b6 Rb4+ 61.Kc3 Rb1 62.Kc2 ½-½ (62) D'Ettorre,R (1690)-Broccardo,N (1692) corr FICGS 2008

14 **10...Nxe4** 11.Nxc7+ Kd7 12.Nxa8 Nxg5 13.0-0-0+ Kc6 14.Rd6+ Kb5
[14...Kxc5 15.Rhd1 Ne6 16.R1d5+ Kb4 17.a3+ Ka4 18.Rb6 a5

19.Rb4+ axb4 20.Nb6# 1-0 (20) Wanke,R-Hennig,E GER corr 1985]

15.Rhd1 Ne6 16.R1d5 Kb4 17.a3+ Ka4 18.Rb6 '??' Simply 18 Rxe5 +- The actual finish of the game is incomprehensible. 18...a5 '??' After this there is a pretty forced mate

[18...axb6 Why not? 19.c6 *(19.cxb6 Rd8; 19.Nxb6+ Kb5)* 19...Nc5 '-+' *(19...b5 20.Nb6+ Ka5 21.Nxc4+ Ka6 22.cxb7 Bxb7 23.Rd6+ Ka7 24.Nxe5* White is fighting for a draw*)* 20.cxb7 Bxb7 21.Nxb6+ Kb5]

19.Rb4+ 1-0 (19) Rozinov,A-Hruza,D Jugoslavija (ch) 25/249 1984 ZUS C73 [John Watson]

[19.Rb4+ '!' axb4 20.c6 threat Nb6 mate bxa3 21.Nb6+ Kb4 22.c3+ Kb3 23.Rb5+ Ka2 24.Ra5 and Rxa3 mate 1-0 (24) Wanke,R-Hennig,E corr BdF 1984]

[15] **12.Nc3** Kc6 13.Nd5 f5 14.Ne7+ Kxc5 15.exf5 Kd6 16.Nxc8+ Raxc8 17.Rd1+ Ke7 18.Ke2 Rcd8 19.Ke3 Rhg8 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.g4 Rd4 22.f3 b5 23.c3 Rd3+ 24.Ke2 Kf6 25.h4 a5 26.Rd1 e4 27.Rf1 b4 28.cxb4 axb4 29.fxe4 Rh3 30.Rc1 Rxh4 31.Rxc4 Rh2+ 32.Kf3 Rxb2 33.Rc6+ Ke5 34.Rc5+ Kd6 35.Rd5+ Ke7 36.Ra5 f6 37.Ra6 Rc2 38.g5 fxg5 39.e5 Rc4 40.Ke3 Rf4 41.f6+ Kf8 42.Rc6 Kf7 43.Rxc7+ Kg6 44.Rg7+ Kf5 45.Re7 Kg6 46.Re8 Kf7 47.Re7+ Kg6 48.Rg7+ Kf5 49.Rg8 Ke6 50.Rxg5 Rh4 51.Rg8 b3 52.axb3 Rh3+ 53.Kf4 Rxb3 54.Re8+ Kf7 55.Re7+ Kg6 56.Rg7+ Kh6 57.Rg2 1-0 (57) Starostits,I (2330)-Trojacek,P (2140) Trinec 1998

[16] **6...Bxd4** 7.Nxf7 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Ng4 9.Be3 Bxb2 10.Nd2 Bxa1 11.Qxa1 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Be6 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.Nf7 Rf8 15.Bxe6+ Qxe6 16.Ng5 Qe7 17.Rxf8+ Qxf8 18.Qf1 Qc5 19.Qf5+ Kb8 20.Nf1 a6 21.Qxh7 Nd4 22.exd4 Qxd4+ 23.Kh1 Qf2 24.Qf5 1-0 (24) Pijpers,A (2476)-Van Foreest,L (2350) Amsterdam 2016

6...Nxe4 7.Nxf7 Qe7 8.Nxh8 Bg4 9.Bf7+ Kf8 10.Qd3 Be2 11.Qh3 Bg4 12.Qd3 Be2 13.Qh3 Bg4 14.Qd3 ½-½ (14) Kovari,E (2376)-Cepela,V (2238) Slovakia 1999

[17] **8...Qxd5** 9.cxb4 Qxg2 10.Qf3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Nxb4 12.Na3 Nd3+

[12...e4 13.Ne5 0-0 *(13...f6 14.Bd2 Nd5 15.Nec4 Be6 16.0-0 0-0-0 17.Rfe1 f5 18.Ne5 c6 19.Nac4 Nc7 20.Rac1 Nb5 21.d5 Rxd5 22.f3 exf3 23.Nxf3 Bf7 24.Ng5 Bh5 25.Be3 Nd4 26.Bxd4 Rxd4 27.Ne6 Rd7 28.Nf4 Bf7 29.Ne5 Re7 30.Nxf7 Rxf7 31.Ne6 g6 32.b4 Re8 33.Rcd1 Rfe7 34.Rd6 a6 35.Kf2 Kb8 36.a4 h6 37.a5 Kc8 38.Kf3 g5 39.Kg3 Kb8 40.Kg2 Kc8 41.Kf3 Kb8 42.Kf2 Kc8 43.Kf3 Kb8 44.h3 Kc8 45.Kg2 Kb8 46.Kf1 Kc8 47.Re3 g4 48.hxg4 fxg4 49.Kf2 Kb8 50.Re5 h5 51.Kg3 Kc8 52.Kh4 Kb8 53.Re1 Ka7 54.Re2 Kb8 55.Re5 Ka7 56.Re4* ½-½ (56) Trompeter,H-Mueller,H Belgium 1996*)* 14.Bd2 Nd5 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Rfe1 Bf5 17.f3 exf3 18.Nxf3 c6 19.Nc4 f6 20.Ne3 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 Bg4 22.Bc3 Re8 23.Rae1 Rxe3 24.Rxe3 Kf7 25.h4 Re8 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Nd2 Kf7 0-1 (27) Hanison,B (2010)-Grillon,J (2045) corr 1998]

13.Ke2 e4 14.Ne5 Nb4 15.Rg1 Rg8 16.Nb5 Nd5 17.Nc3 Nxc3+ 18.bxc3

Be6 19.Rb1 0-0-0 20.Rb2 f6 21.Ng4 h5 22.Ne3 g5 23.Nc2 Rd6 24.Ke1 Rgd8 25.Kd2 g4 26.Ke3 f5 27.Kf4 Rf8 28.Ne3 Ra6 29.c4 h4 30.Bd2 Kb8 31.Rgb1 Bc8 32.Bb4 Rf7 33.d5 h3 34.c5 Rh6 35.d6 cxd6 36.cxd6 Be6 37.Rc1 Rh8 38.Rbc2 Rd8 39.Rc7 Bxa2 40.Re7 a6 41.Rc2 Bb3 42.Rb2

1-0 (42) Newton,H (2030)-Jenneborg,S (814) IECG email 2000

18 **12.0-0** Bxc1 13.Rxc1 Qg5 14.Na3 0-0 15.Qb4 Rab8 16.Qc5 Bc8 17.Rc2 Be6 18.dxe5 Bd5 19.f3 Bxf3 20.Re1 Bd5 21.b3 Be6 22.Nc4 Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rbe8 24.e6 Rxe6 25.Rxe6 fxe6 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.h3 h6 28.Qe1 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 a5 30.Re2 Qd6 31.b4 a4 32.a3 c5 33.Re8 cxb4 34.cxb4 Kg8 35.Qe6+ Qxe6 36.Rxe6 Rf6 37.Rxf6

1-0 (37) Frendzas,P (2585)-Csaba, F (1561) LSS 2020

19 **7...Nde7** 8.Qxd8+ Nxd8 9.Be3 f6 10.Nf3 Ne6

[10...Bg4 11.Nfd2 Ndc6 12.f3 Be6 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.a3 a6 16.h4 h5 17.g3 Nge7 18.Nb3 Rde8 19.Nd5 Rhf8 20.Rhf1 Kb8 21.c4 Bh3 22.Rf2 Be6 23.Kc2 a5 24.a4 f5 25.Rdf1 Ng6 26.Bd2 Rf7 27.Bxa5 Nxa5 28.Nxa5 Ref8 29.exf5 Bxf5+ 30.Kd2 Bh3 31.Re1 Bg4 32.c6 b6 33.Nb3 Bxf3 34.Nb4 Rf6 35.Kc3 Bg4 36.Rxf6 gxf6 37.a5 Ne7 38.axb6 cxb6 39.Nd2 Be6 40.Ne4 Kc7 41.b3 Nxc6 42.Nxc6 Kxc6 43.Rd1 Kc7 44.Rd6 f5 45.Rxe6 fxe4 46.Rxe5 Rf3+ 47.Kd4 Rxb3 48.Rxh5 Rxg3 49.Kxe4 ½-½ (49) Laffont,E (1821)-Nowak,A (1458) LSS 2020]

11.Nc3 b6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.0-0-0 Bb7 14.h4 0-0 15.a4 Rfd8 16.b3 Nc6 17.Nd5 Kf8 18.h5 Ne7 19.c4 c6 20.Nxb6

1-0 (20) Frendzas,P (2585)-Kaupat,L (1119) LSS 2020

7...Nf6 8.Qxd8+ Nxd8 9.Nc3

[9.Be3 h6 10.Nf3 Nxe4 11.Nxe5 Ne6 12.Nd3 0-0 13.Nd2 Nf6 14.f3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Rfe8 16.c6 Bxc6 17.Nxc6 Nd5 18.Nc4 bxc6 19.Kf2 Nxe3 20.Nxe3 Rab8 21.Nc4 Nf4 22.Rhe1 Red8 23.Rad1 Nd5 24.a3 a5 25.a4 Nb6 26.Nxa5 Nxa4 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.b3 Nc3 29.Nc4 Ra8 30.Ke3 Ra2 31.Kd2 Nd5 32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Ne3 Kg6 34.Nxd5 cxd5 35.Rd8 Ra5 36.Rd7 Rc5 37.Kd3 Kf5 38.b4 Rc4 39.c3 Ke6 40.Rd8 Rc6 41.f4 Ra6 42.g4 Ra2 43.f5+ Ke7 44.Rc8 Kd7 45.Rg8 Rxh2 46.Rxg7 Ke7 47.Rg8 Rg2 48.Kd4 Rd2+ 49.Ke5 f6+ 50.Kf4 d4 51.Rg7+ Kd8 52.c4 Rc2 53.c5 Rc4 54.Ke4 Rxb4 55.c6 d3+ 56.Kxd3 Rb6 57.Rd7+ Kc8 58.Rh7 Rxc6 59.Rxh6 Kd7 60.Rh7+ Kd6 61.Ke3 Rc1 62.Rf7 Ke5 63.Re7+ Kd5 64.Rd7+ Ke5 65.Re7+ Kd5 66.Rd7+ ½-½ (66) Hilge,A-Roeberg,F Kassel 1990]

9...Ne6

[9...c6 10.Nf3 *(10.0-0 0-0 11.f4 Nd7 12.Be3 f6 13.Nf3 exf4 14.Bxf4 Re8 15.b4 Nf7 16.Rfd1 a5 17.a3 g5 18.Bc7 Kg7 19.Nd4 Nde5 20.Bxa5 Nc4 21.Nb3 Be6 22.Kf2 Nfe5 23.h3 f5 24.Bc7 Bc8 25.exf5 Bxf5 26.Nd4 Bg6 27.Re1 Kf6 28.Bxe5+ Nxe5 29.Ne4+ Bxe4 30.Rxe4 Nc4 31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.a4 Ra8 33.a5 Ke5 34.Nf3+ Kf6 35.g4 h6 36.c3 Ke6 37.Rd1 Rf8 38.Ke2 Re8 39.Kf2 Rf8 40.Kg3 Rf7*

41.Nd4+ Ke5 42.Nf5 Rh7 43.Re1+ Kf6 44.Nd4 Ne5 45.Rf1+ Ke7 46.Nf5+ Ke6 47.Rd1 Nf7 48.Re1+ Ne5 49.Nd6 Kf6 50.c4 Nd3 51.Ne4+ Kg6 52.Rd1 Nxb4 53.Rd6+ Kg7 54.Nf6 Rh8 55.Nh5+ Kf7 56.Rd7+ Ke6 57.Rxb7 Nd3 58.Rc7 Ke5 59.Rxc6 Ra8 60.a6 Nb4 61.Rxh6 Nxa6 62.Rg6 Nxc5 63.Rxg5+ Kd4 64.Rf5 Ra3+ 65.Kh4 Kxc4 66.g5 Ne6 67.g6 Kd4 68.g7 Ra8 69.Kg4 Rg8 70.h4 Nxg7 71.Nxg7 Rxg7+ 72.Rg5 Rh7 73.h5 1-0 (73) Beshara,N-Terhorst,J (2220) Cairo 1996*)* 10...Nd7 11.Be3 Ne6 12.Na4 0-0 13.0-0-0 f6 14.g3 Kf7 15.Nd2 Ke7 16.Nc4 Rd8 17.h4 g6 18.f4 h5 19.c3 Rb8 20.Rd2 Ra8 21.Rhd1 Rb8 22.Nd6 Ra8 23.Nc4 Rb8 24.fxe5 fxe5 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.Rxd8 Nxd8 27.Bg5+ Ke6 28.Rxd8 Nd7 29.e5 Kf7 30.Bf4 Ra8 31.b4 b5 32.Nb2 Nf8 33.Nd3 Bb7 34.Rd6 Re8 35.Nf2 Ne6 36.Ne4 Ke7 37.Bg5+ Nxg5 38.Nxg5 Rg8 39.e6 Rd8 40.Nf7 Rxd6 41.cxd6+ 1-0 (41) Hilwerda,J (2130)-Van de Poel,T (1899) Groningen 2018]

[9...Nc6 10.Nb5 Nb4 11.Nxc7+ Ke7 12.Nxa8 Nxc2+ 13.Kd1 Nxa1 14.Nc7 Rd8+ 15.Bd2 h6 16.Nf3 Nxe4 17.Kc1 Bf5 18.Re1 Nc2 19.Re2 Nd4 20.Nxd4 Rxd4 21.b4 Nxd2 22.Rxd2 Rxd2 23.Kxd2 Be4 24.f3 Bc6 25.b5 Kd7 26.bxc6+ Kxc7 27.cxb7 Kxb7 28.Kd3 Kc6 29.Kc4 f5 30.g4 g6 31.gxf5 gxf5 32.h3 h5 33.h4 a6 34.Kb4 Kd5 35.a3 Kc6 36.a4 a5+ 0-1 (36) Toivonen,A-Havulinna,M Finland 1962]

10.Nxe6 Bxe6 11.f3 0-0-0 12.Bg5 Rd4 13.b3 c6 14.Ke2 Ne8 15.Rad1 f6 16.Bc1 Rxd1 17.Rxd1 Nc7 18.Be3 Rd8 19.Rg1 Rd7 20.Nd1 Na6 21.a3 Nc7 22.Nf2 Nb5 23.Ra1 Kd8 24.a4 Nc7 25.f4 Ne8 26.Nd3 exf4 27.Bxf4 g5 28.Bb8 a6 29.Rf1 Bg4+ 30.Ke3 Ke7 31.Bg3 Bh5 32.Be1 Bd1 33.Rf2 Ke6 34.Bc3 Rf7 35.h3 Nc7 36.g4 h5 37.Rd2 hxg4 38.Rxd1 gxh3 39.Nf2 Rh7 40.Rd6+ Kf7 41.Rd7+ Kg6 42.Rxh7 Kxh7 43.Nxh3 Kg6 44.Bd4 Ne6 45.c3 f5 46.exf5+ Kxf5 47.Nf2 Nf4 48.Kf3 Nd5 49.Ng4 1-0 (49) Paleologu,V (2147)-Cluyts,M (1937) Arco 2015

7...Nd4 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.0-0 h6 10.Nc3 Qxc5 11.Nge4 Qc6 12.f4 Bf5 13.fxe5 Bxe4 14.Qxd4 Bxc2 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Nb5 Rc8 17.Qxg7 Rh7 18.Qc3 Qb6+ 19.Be3 Qg6 20.Nxc7+ Kf8 21.Bc5+ Kg8 22.Nd5 Qg5 23.Nf6+ Kh8 24.Nxh7+ Kxh7 1-0 (24) Sandehn, K (2010)-Lheureux,J (1469) IECG 2000

7...Nf4 8.Qxd8+ Nxd8 9.Bxf4 exf4 10.Nc3 h6 11.Nf3 c6 12.0-0-0 Ne6 13.Na4 Ng5 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.h3 Be6 16.f3 Ke7 17.Nc3 g6 18.Rhe1 Rhd8 19.Ne2 b6 20.cxb6 axb6 21.a3 Bc4 22.Nd4 Rac8 23.b3 Ba6 24.c4 Bb7 25.Kb2 Rd7 26.Ne2 Rcd8 27.Rxd7+ Rxd7 28.Kc3 c5 29.b4 Bc6 30.b5 Bb7 31.Nc1 Rd8 32.Nd3 f6 33.a4 Ra8 34.Ra1 Kd6 35.Kb3 f5 36.e5+ Ke6 37.a5 Bc8 38.a6 Ra7 39.Nb2 Kxe5 40.Na4 1-0 (40) Prill,D (2000)-Thoma,T (2102) www.remoteschach.de 2006

[20] **8.Qxd8+** Nxd8 9.Na3 f6

[9...0-0 10.Nf3 Ndc6 11.Bd2 Na6 12.Be3 Bg4 13.c3 f5 14.exf5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Rxf5 16.b4 Ne7 17.Rd1 Rxf3 18.Rd7 Nf5 19.Ke2 e4 20.b5 Nxe3 21.bxa6 Ng4 22.axb7 Raf8 23.Rg1 h5 24.Rxc7 Rxf2+ 25.Ke1

Rxh2 26.Rc8 Rb2 27.c6 Ne5 28.Rf1 Nf3+ 29.Kd1 g5 30.c7 Rxb7 31.Rxf8+ 1-0 (31) Newton,H (2030)-Vandersluys,P (800) IECG 2000]

10.Nf3 Bg4 11.Be3 Ndc6

[11...0-0 12.c3 Nd3+ 13.Kd2 Nxb2 14.Rab1 Na4 15.Rb4 Bd7 16.Rhb1 Ne6 17.Rc4 Rfd8 18.Ke2 Rdb8 19.Nb5 a6 20.Na3 b5 21.cxb6 ½-½ (21) Newton,H (2030)-Niewold,J (1805) IECG 2000]

12.0-0 0-0-0 13.c3 Nd3 14.b4 Nf4 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Ne5 18.Nb1 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bxf3 20.Rd4 g5 21.Nd2 Bg4 22.f3 Be6 23.Nb3 Rd8 24.Kg2 b6 25.Kf2 bxc5 26.bxc5 h5 27.Ra4 Bxb3 28.axb3 Rd2+ 29.Kg1 Rd3 30.Kg2 Rxc3 31.Ra6 Rxc5 32.Rxf6 Rc2+ 33.Kg1 Rc3 34.Rf8+ Kd7 35.Kf2 Rxb3 36.Rf5 a5 37.Rxa5 g4 38.fxg4 hxg4 39.Rg5 Rb2+ 40.Kg1 Ke6 41.Rxg4 Ke5 42.Rg5+ Kxe4 43.Rc5 Rb7 44.Kg2 Kd4 45.Rc2 c5 46.Kf3 c4 47.Kxf4 Kd3 0-1 (47) Newton,H (2030)-Soldini,P (1426) IECG 2000

8.Be3 h6 9.Nf3 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 f5 11.a3 fxe4 12.Nxe5 Nxc2 13.Kxc2 Nxe5 14.Nc3 Ng4 15.Nb5 Nxe3+ 16.fxe3 Kd7 17.b4 Kc6 18.Nd4+ Kd5 19.Raf1 a5 20.Kb3 axb4 21.axb4 b6 22.cxb6 cxb6 23.Rf7 Be6 24.Rxg7 Rhg8 25.Rb7 Rab8 26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.Rf1 Bg8 28.Rf5+ Kd6+ 29.Kb2 Ra8 30.Rf6+ Ke5 31.Rxb6 Ra2+ 32.Kc3 Ra3+ 33.Kd2 Ra2+ 34.Ke1 h5 35.Rg6 Bf7 36.Rg5+ Kd6 37.b5 Rb2 38.Kd1 Be8 39.Kc1 Rb4 40.h4 Rc4+ 41.Kd2 Rb4 42.g4 hxg4 43.Rxg4 Bxb5 44.Kc3 Rb1 45.Nxb5+ Rxb5 46.Rxe4 Ra5 47.Kd3 Rh5 48.Ke2 Kd5 49.Kf3 Rh8 50.Rg4 Ke6 51.Kg3 Kf6 52.Rg5 Rc8 53.e4 Rc1 54.Rf5+ Ke6 55.h5 Rh1 56.Kg4 Rh2 57.Kg5 Rg2+ 58.Kh6 Rg4 59.Rg5 Rxe4 60.Kg7 Rf4 61.h6 Rf7+ 62.Kg8 Re7 63.Ra5 Kf6 64.Ra6+ Kg5 65.h7 Re8+ 66.Kf7 Rc8 67.Re6 Rc7+ 68.Re7 Rc8 69.Kg7 Kf5 70.h8Q Rxh8 71.Kxh8 1-0 (71) Skowronek,J (1985)-Wessel,R (1907) freechess.de 2018

8.Bd2 Bg4 9.Qc1 h6 10.Nf3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qf6 12.a3 Nd4 13.axb4 Qxf3 0-1 (13) Cameron,G (1441)-Godat,T (2155) corr FICGS 2006

[21] **10...f6** 11.Nf3 Bg4

[11...Ne7 12.Be3 b6 *(12...Be6 13.b5 0-0-0+ 14.Ke2 Nb8 15.Nbd2 c6 16.c4 Rd7 17.Rhc1 Rhd8 18.Rc3 Ng6 19.a4 Nf4+ 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.h3 Re7 22.Rd3 Bxc4 23.Nxc4 Rxe4+ 24.Ne3 fxe3 25.Rxd8+ Kxd8 26.fxe3 Rc4 27.Nd4 cxb5 28.axb5 a6 29.Rb1 Kc8 30.c6 bxc6 31.bxa6 Nxa6 32.Kd3 Rb4 33.Rc1 c5 34.Ne6 g6 35.Nxc5 Nxc5+ 36.Rxc5+ Kd7 37.Ke2* ½-½ (37) Tepponen,M-Molarius,R Finland 1962*)* 13.c6 Bg4 14.Nbd2 Rd8 15.c3 Nc8 16.Kc2 Nd6 17.a4 Be6 18.Rhb1 Ra8 19.b5 Nc5 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.c4 Ke7 22.Kc3 Rhf8 23.g3 Bh3 24.Re1 Be6 25.Nh4 1-0 (25) Mehlhorn,U (2160)-Rohde,F (2019) BdF-Schachserver 2017]

12.c3

[12.Be3 0-0-0+ 13.Nbd2 Bxf3+ 14.gxf3 Nd4 15.Bxd4 Rxd4 16.Ke2 Rhd8 17.Nb3 Rc4 18.Rhc1 Rc3 19.Nd2 g5 20.h3 h5 21.Nb1 Rc4 22.c3 1-0 (22) Tucci,A-Hanison,B ETT/5/03-2 2003]

12...Nab8 13.Kc2 Nd7 14.Be3 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5+ 16.Kb2 0-0 17.Nbd2 Bd3 18.Ng5 Nf6 19.f3 Ne7 20.Rhe1

Ng6 21.Rad1 Nh4 22.Rg1 h6 23.Nge4 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Rad8 25.Bf2 Bxe4 26.Bxh4 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Bc6 28.c4 a6 29.Bg3 e4 30.fxe4 Bxe4 31.Bxc7 Rf2+ 32.Kc3 Rc2+ 33.Kb3 Rxg2 34.Rd8+ Kf7 35.b5 Rg1 36.Rd4 Bh1 37.Kb4 Ra1 38.a4 Ke7 39.Ka5 Bf3 40.c6 bxc6 41.bxa6 c5 42.Rd5 1-0 (42) Karpatchev,A (2460)-Gozzoli,Y (2502) Saint - Affrique 2008

10...Bg4+ 11.f3 Rd8+ 12.Bd2 h6 13.fxg4 hxg5 14.b5 Nxc5 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.Nc3 Ne6 17.Kc1 Rb8 18.h3 Nf4 19.Bxf4 gxf4 20.Rb1 Ke7 21.Rd1 Ke6 22.Na4 Rxb1+ 23.Kxb1 Rb8+ 24.Ka2 Ke7 25.c4 Rd8 26.Rxd8 Kxd8 27.Nc5 g5 28.Kb2 Ke7 29.Kb3 Kd6 30.Nb7+ Kd7 31.Kb4 Kc8 32.Na5 Kd7 33.Kc5 a6 34.Nxc6 Ke6 35.a4 f6 36.a5 Kf7 1-0 (36) Hansson,C (2367)-Silance,L (1100) IECG email 2000

22 **11.Be3** b6

[11...h6 12.Bxd4 exd4 13.Nf3 Bg4 14.Nbd2 0-0-0 15.h3 Bxf3+ 16.Nxf3 c6 17.Ne5 Rhf8 18.Kd2 Nc7 19.Nc4 Ne6 20.g3 Kc7 21.f4 b6 22.cxb6+ axb6 23.a4 Ra8 24.e5 g6 25.h4 Ng7 26.a5 b5 27.Nd6 f6 28.Rhf1 Ne6 29.Ne4 fxe5 30.fxe5 g5 31.Rf6 Rxf6 32.exf6 Rg8 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Rh1 Nf8 35.Kd3 Ng6 36.Rh7+ Kb8 37.Rg7 1-0 (37) Nowak,A (1458)-Verich,O (1009) LSS 2020]

12.cxb6

[12.Nf3 Nxf3 13.gxf3 bxc5 14.b5 Nb8 15.Nc3 Be6 16.Rg1 g6 17.Bxc5 a6 18.a4 axb5 19.Nxb5 Kd7 20.Be3 Nc6 21.f4 Ra6 22.Kd2 f5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.fxe5 Rha8 25.Rgd1 Rxa4 26.Rxa4 Rxa4 27.Kc3+ Kc8 28.Nd4 Nxe5 29.Nxf5 gxf5 30.Rd5 Rc4+ 31.Kb3 Re4 32.c3 Kb7 ½-½ (32) Schroeder,C (2305)-Kahl,F (2348) LSS email 2014 Draw agreed]

12...axb6 13.c3 Nb5 14.Kc2

[14.a4 Nd6 15.Nd2 f6 16.Nh3 c5 17.b5 Nc7 18.Kc2 Ke7 19.f4 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Ra7 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.b6 Rb7 23.fxe5 fxe5 24.bxc7 Rxc7 25.Kd3 Ra8 26.Nc4 Nxc4 27.Kxc4 Rca7 28.Kd5 Rxa4 29.Rxa4 Rxa4 30.Kxe5 Ra3 31.Rc1 Ra2 32.Rb1 Kd7 33.Rb7+ Kc6 34.Rxg7 Rxh2 35.Rg3 Rd2 36.Re3 c4 37.h4 Rd1 *(37...Rd8 38.Kf5* 1-0 (37) Roebuck,D (2406)-Cvak,R (2461) ICCF email 2019 *)* 38.Kf5 Kd7 39.e5 Rf1+ 40.Ke4 Rh1 41.Kd5 Rxh4 42.Rg3 ½-½ (42) Roebuck,D (2406)-Schneider,G (2416) ICCF 2019]

14...Nd6 15.Nd2 f6 16.Nh3 Bd7 17.a4 Nb8 18.a5 bxa5 19.Rxa5 Rxa5 20.bxa5 Bb5 21.f3 Kf7 22.Ra1 Nc4 23.Nxc4 Bxc4 24.Nf2 Rd8 25.Ra4 Be2 26.f4 Na6 27.h4 exf4 28.Bxf4 Bb5 29.Ra1 Re8 30.Rb1 Bc4 31.Kd2 h6 32.h5 Re6 33.g4 Nc5 34.Rb4 Nxe4+ 35.Kc2 Bd5 36.Rd4 Ba8 37.Nd3 c5 38.Rd7+ Re7 39.Rxe7+ Kxe7 40.a6 Kd7 41.a7 Kc6 42.c4 Kb6 43.Bb8 Bc6 44.Kc1 ½-½ (44) Cvak,R (2461)-Schneider,G (2416) ICCF 2019

23 **12.cxb6** axb6 13.Nd2

[13.f4 Bg4+ 14.Kd2 h6 15.fxe5 Nxc2 16.Nxf7 Rf8 17.Kxc2 Rxf7 18.Nd2 c5 19.Nc4 Rf2+ 20.Kc3 Nc7 21.Nd6+ Kd7 22.Rhg1 Kc6 23.Rac1 Nb5+ 24.Nxb5 Kxb5 25.bxc5 bxc5 26.Rc2 Rxc2+ 27.Kxc2 Kc4 28.Rc1 Rd8 29.Bc3 g5 30.h3 Bc8 31.Kb2 Kb5 32.Be1 Bb7 33.a4+ Draw agreed ½-½ (33) Mehlhorn,U (2160)-Fritsche,F (2137) BdF-

Schachserver 2017]
13...0-0 14.c3 Ne6 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.a4 Nb8 17.c4 f6 18.Bc3 Rd8 19.Ke2 g5 20.h4 g4 21.f4 gxf3+ 22.gxf3 h5 23.b5 Nd7 24.Bb4 Rdc8 25.Rhc1 c6 26.Ke3 Kf7 27.Rg1 Ra7 28.Bd6 Raa8 29.Rgb1 Ra7 30.Kd3 Raa8 31.Kc3 Ra5 32.Kb4 c5+ 33.Kb3 Ra7 34.Rg1 Rd8 35.Nb1 Nf8 36.Bxf8 Kxf8 37.Nc3 Rd4 38.Nd5 Bxd5 39.exd5 Rd3+ 40.Kb2 Rxf3 41.a5 bxa5 42.Raf1 Rxf1 43.Rxf1 Ke7 44.Ka3 a4 45.Rg1 1-0 (45) Frendzas,P (2585)-Zholob,A (2105) LSS 2020

24 **7.Nxf7** Fritz 6 (30s): 'ᴅ' 'ᴅ' Quintiliano, Renato: '?' Trajkovic, Mihajlo: 'Ü 3/255 Trajkovic,M: '] 3/255" Fritz 6 (30s): 'ließe Schwarz keine Chance' Fritz 6 (30s): 'und Weiß ist direkt am Ziel' Quintiliano, Renato: 'seems a risky choice for White now, since after' 7...Qe7 withdrawn
[7...Bg4 8.f3 *(8.Nxd8 Bxd1 9.Nxb7 Bg4±)*]
8.Nxh8 Heemsoth: '?' '?' Heemsoth: "?' Heemsoth, H..' 8...Bg4 Heemsoth: '!' '!' '!' Quintiliano, Renato: '!' ChessCalisthenics: 'RR: '!' '!'' Quintiliano, Renato: 'Black's initiative is coming too fast, and although the engine keeps showing its ironic 0.00, I think White's moves are already harder to find, as he needs to show precise calculation, while all that Black needs to do is to keep as many threats as possible'
[8...Nxd5 withdrawn 9.c3 Fritz 6 (30s): '+-' '+-' Bg4 10.Ng6 Qe6 11.Qd3 Qxg6 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Qc4 Qxe4+ 14.Kf1 Nc2 15.Be3 exd4 16.h3 Be6 17.Qa4+ Bd7 NewInChess/YB63 0-1 (17) Taborsky, R-Nun,J corr 1957]
9.f3 Quintiliano, Renato: '?'Quintiliano, Renato: 'exposes too many squares on the kingside and is already losing:'
[9.Bf7+ Quintiliano, Renato: '!' ChessCalisthenics: '!?'Quintiliano, Renato: 'An important insertion, preventing Black from ...0-0-0.'
A) 9...Kf8 withdrawn
A1) 10.Qd3 Be2 Quintiliano, Renato: '!'Quintiliano, Renato: 'The likely result should be a repetition now, as Black keeps harassing the queen.' 11.Qh3 *(11.Qg3* Quintiliano, Renato: '?' *Nxe4 12.Qh3 Qf6 13.Be3 Nxc2+* Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *14.Kxe2 Qa6+ 15.Kd1 Nxe3+ 16.Kc1 Nxf2* Quintiliano, Renato: '-+' *)* 11...Bg4 12.Qd3 *(12.Ng6+* 1/2-1/2 Efimenko,Z (2689)-Volokitin,A (2661)/Vrnjacka Banja 2010/CBM 138 Extra Quintiliano, Renato: '?' *hxg6 13.Qh8+ Kxf7 14.Qxa8* Quintiliano, Renato: 'This is clearly a bad idea, as the White king is abandoned under a unstoppable mating attack.' *Nxc2+ 15.Kf1 Qd6* Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *16.Nc3 Qd4 17.Be3 Nxe3+ 18.Kg1 Nd1* Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *19.Nxd1 Bxd1* Quintiliano, Renato: '-+'*)* 12...Be2 Quintiliano, Renato: '=';
A2) 10.f3
A2a) 10...Nxe4 11.h4 *(11.fxg4 Qh4+ 12.g3 Nxg3 13.Bg5 Qxg5 14.hxg3 Qe3+ 15.Kf1 Nf5 16.Ng6+ hxg6 17.Rh8+ Ke7 18.Qd2 Qf3+*

19.Ke1 Rxh8 0-1 (19) Karlsen, H-Nordby,B corr 1985*)* 11...Nf5 Heisman, D.: '[Until this game came to light the Survey's main move was 11... ♖d8, but this try is at least as good.]' *(11...Qf6 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 15.Bg5 Qf5 16.Ng6+ hxg6 17.Bxg6 Qg4 18.Qxf3+ Qxf3 19.Rf1 Qxf1+ 20.Kxf1 Be7 21.Re1 Bf6 22.c4 Rc8 23.c5 Rb8 24.Re3 a6 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Rd3 Ke7 27.Bf5* 1-0 (27) Sandehn,K (2010)-Munk,P (1732) IECG 2000*; 11...Rd8 12.Nd2 Ng3 13.fxg4 Nxh1 14.Nf3 Nf5 15.Qxd8+ Qxd8 16.gxf5 Bf2+ 17.Ke2 Bxh4 18.Bf4 Ng3+ 19.Bxg3 Bxg3 20.Rd1 Qf6 21.Bb3 Qxf5 22.Rf1 Qe4+ 23.Kd1 Qg4 24.Be6 Qh5 25.Kc1 Ke7 26.Bb3 g6 27.Bd5 c6 28.Be4 Qh6+ 29.Kb1 Qf8 30.Nxg6+ hxg6 31.Nd2 Qh6 32.Rd1 g5 33.Nc4 Qh4 34.Nd6 Qf4 35.Nf5+ Ke8 36.Nd6+ Kf8 37.Bd3 Qg4 38.Rf1+ Bf4 39.Be4 Qe2 40.Rh1 g4 41.g3 Bxg3 42.Bd3 Qg2 43.Be4 Qd2 44.Nf5 Bh2 45.Rf1 Bf4 46.a3 Qe2 47.Bd3 Qg2 48.Re1 g3 49.Nxg3 Qxg3 50.Re4 b5 51.Ka2 Qg8+ 52.Kb1 Qd5 53.Ka1 c5* 0-1 (53) Wettering, M-Lorensen,I GER corr 1968 *)*

A2a1) 12.Qd5 Bf2+ 13.Kd1 Rd8 14.fxg4 Nfg3 15.Nd2 *(15.Rh3 Rxd5+ 16.Bxd5 Qd7 17.c4 c6 18.Nf7 Qxg4+ 19.Kc2 cxd5 20.Nxe5 Qe2+ 21.Bd2 dxc4 22.Nf3 Qd3+ 23.Kc1 Qf1+ 24.Kc2 Nf5* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 15...Nxd2 *(* Heisman, D.: 'Also good is' *15...Rxd5* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 16.Bxd2 Rxd5 17.Bxd5 Qd7 *(17...Nxh1* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 18.c4 c6 19.Kc2 Nxh1 *(* Heisman, D.: 'Much simpler is' *19...cxd5* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 20.Bb4+ Ke8 Heisman, D.: '?' Heisman, D.: '[After a series of inaccuracies that made the win harder, Black now makes a move that puts the win in jeopardy.]' *(20...c5 21.Bc3 Ng3 22.Bxe5 Nf5* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 21.Bf7+ Kd8 22.Rxh1 *(22.Rd1* Heisman, D.: ' ≤ ' *Bd4 23.Rxh1 Qxg4)* 22...Qxg4 23.Rd1+ *(23.h5 Kc7 24.Rd1 Qf5+ 25.Kb3 Bd4* Heisman, D.: ' ∓'*)* 23...Bd4 24.h5 Kc7 0-1 (24) Hetz,J (2010)-Laux,R New York 1998 ZUS C73 [Gipslis/Jezek; CC INF1/CCYB] *(* Heisman, D.: 'A strange time for White to resign. Black is surely better, probably winning, but he was much more clearly winning earlier! One possible continuation might be' *24...Kc7 25.Bf8 Qxg2+ 26.Rd2 Qe4+ 27.Kb3 Qf3+ 28.Kc2 Be3 29.Bd6+ Kb6 30.c5+ Ka5 31.Rd3 Qe2+ 32.Kc3 e4 33.Bc7+ b6*

34.Rd7 Bc1 Heisman, D.: '-+' *);*

A2a2) Heisman, D.: 'No better is' 12.Qd3

A2a21) 12...Nf2

A2a211) 13.Qf1 Ng3 14.Qc4 Nfxh1

A2a2111) 15.Qxg4 Bf2+ 16.Kd1 Rd8+ 17.Bd2 Bd4 18.Ke1 *(18.c3 Nf2+* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 18...Qc5 19.Qg5 Rd7 20.Be6 Heisman, D.: '(Mate in 6.)' Bc3 Heisman, D.: '!' 21.Qf5+ Nxf5 22.Ng6+ hxg6 23.Bc4 Qf2+ 24.Kd1 Rxd2+ 25.Kc1 Qe1#;

A2a2112) 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.Nd2 *(16.Qd5 Bh5 17.Qxd6+ cxd6 18.Bxh5 Nxh5 19.Nc3 Kg8* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 16...Bf2+ 17.Kd1 Bf5 18.Bg8 Qd7 19.Bd5 c6 20.Qb4+ c5 21.Qxb7 Qxb7 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.Be4 Bxe4 24.fxe4 Rxb2 Heisman, D.: '-+';

A2a2113) 15.fxg4 Rd8 16.Nd2 e4 17.c3 Nf2 18.Bd5 c6 19.Be6 b5 20.Qb3 Qxh4 Heisman, D.: '(Black has a mating attack.)' 21.Ng6+ hxg6 22.Bc4 bxc4 23.Qxc4 Qh1+ 24.Qf1 Qxf1+ 25.Nxf1 Rd1#;

A2a212) 13.Qc4 Nxh1 14.Bg5 *(14.Qxg4 Bf2+ 15.Kd2 Rd8+ 16.Kc3 Rd4* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 14...Qd6 15.Qd5 Nd4 16.Qxd6+ *(16.fxg4 Nxc2+ 17.Kd2 Qxd5+ 18.Bxd5 Nxa1* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 16...cxd6 17.Kd2 Be6

A2a2121) 18.Nc3 Bxf7 19.Rxh1 *(19.Nxf7 Ng3 20.Nd8 h6* Heisman, D.: '-+'*)* 19...Be6 Heisman, D.: '+-';

A2a2122) 18.c3 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bxf7 20.Nxf7 Kxf7 Heisman, D.: '∓';

A2a213) 13.Qd5 Nxh1 14.Bg5 Bf2+ 15.Ke2 Qb4 16.Nd2 Nd4+ 17.Kd1 Bg3 18.a3 Nf2+ 19.Kc1 ½-½ (19) Sandehn,K (2144)-Krensing,J (1991) IECG email 2001;

A2a22) 12...Bf2+ 13.Kd1 Rd8 14.Bd5 Nf6 15.Nc3 Ng3 16.fxg4 e4 17.Qc4 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Qe5 19.c3 Qxd5+ 20.Qxd5 Rxd5+ 21.Kc2 Nxh1

22.c4 Rd7 23.Bf4 Ng3 24.Rd1 Rxd1 0-1 (24) Sandehn,K (2144)-Ottenweller,W (1912) IECG 2001;

A2b) 10...Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Nxe4 12.h4 Qf6 13.Rh2 Bxf3 14.Qd3 Bf2+ 15.Rxf2 Nxf2 16.Qa3+ 1-0 (16) Stefanov,P (2230)-Feng,J (1022) IECG email 2000;

B) 9...Kd7 Quintiliano, Renato: '?' 10.Qd3 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Rxh8 11.c3 Quintiliano, Renato: 'Black has problems with the pinned knight. ' Be2 12.Qg3 Nc2+ 13.Kxe2 Nxa1 14.Bc4 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-';

C) 9...Qxf7? 10.Nxf7 Bxd1 11.Kxd1 Nxe4 12.Be3! Kxf7 13.Nd2∓ ChessCalisthenics: '±']

[9.Qd2 '?!'

A) 9...Nxd5 10.exd5 Bf5 '!' *(10...Bf3 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Nc3 Rxh8 13.Qg5 Qe8 14.Be3 Rf8 15.Kh1 Rf5 16.Qxg7 Rf7 17.Qg3 Nf5 18.Qh3 Bd4 19.gxf3 Kb8 20.f4 c5 21.fxe5 Qxe5 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Rae1 Qh8 24.Ne2 h5 25.Ng3 Ng7 26.Qh4 Qf8 27.Qxd4 Rf4 28.Qe5+ Kc8 29.d6 Rf7 30.Qc5+ Kb8 31.Re7 Rxe7 32.dxe7 Qf3+ 33.Kg1 a6 34.Qe5+ Ka7 35.Qxg7* 1-0 (35) Toivonen,A-Visanko,J Finland 1962*)* 11.0-0 Nxc2

A1) 12.g4 '?' Nd4 Heemsoth: '!' '!' '-+!' Estrin 13.Kg2 *(13.Qd1 Bc2* 0-1 Majchrak-Rohlicek/corr/1954/ Heemsoth: '-+!' '-+!'*)* 13...Be4+ 14.f3 Bxd5 15.Nc3 Bc4 16.Re1 0-0-0 17.Qg5 Qf8 18.Be3 Qxf3+ 19.Kg1 Qh3 20.Qh5 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Nh4 0-1 Weissleder-Schlicker/corr/1956/;

A2) 12.Qg5 Bd3 13.Rd1 e4-+ Giertz 14.Qxe7+ Kxe7 15.Bg5+ Kd7 16.Nf7 Rf8 17.Ne5+ Kc8 18.Nc3 Bxf2+ 19.Kh1 Rf5 20.Nxd3 exd3 21.Rac1 Rxg5 22.Rxd3 Nb4 23.Rf3 Bb6 24.d6 Nc6 25.Rf8+ Kd7 26.Rf7+ Kc8 27.d7+ Kd8 28.Rd1 Bd4 29.Ne2 Bxb2 30.Nf4 Re5 31.Nd3 1-0 (31) Knorr,B-Schneider,W corr 1994;

A3) 12.Qe2 Nxa1 13.Be3 Bd6 14.Na3 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Nc2 16.Qb5+ Qd7 17.Qxb7 Rd8 18.Bg5 c6 19.dxc6 Qxb7 20.cxb7 Rb8 21.f4 Rxb7 22.fxe5 Nd4 23.Be3 Ne2+ 24.Kf2 Nc3 25.Bd4 Rc7 26.Ke3 Nd5+ 27.Kd2 Be6 28.Rf3 Ke7 29.Bf2 Nb6 30.Bh4+ Ke8 31.Rd3 Rd7 32.Rxd7 Nxd7 33.Bf2 a6 34.Bd4 Kf8 35.Kc3 Nb8 36.Kb4 Nc6+ 37.Kc5 Nxd4 38.Kxd4 Kg8 39.Ng6 hxg6 40.Kc5 Bxa2 41.Kb6 Bc4 42.Kc5 Bb5 43.Kd6 Kf7 44.g3 Ba4 45.Kd5 Ke7 46.Ke4 Ke6 47.Kd4 g5 48.h3 Bc2 49.Kc3 Kxe5 50.Kxc2 Ke4 51.g4 Kf4 52.Kb3 Kg3 53.Kb4 Kxh3 0-1 (53) Nowak,A (1458)-Tyutyunnik,R (2218) LSS 2020;

B) 9...0-0-0

B1) 10.0-0 c6 Quintiliano, Renato: 'White faces a difficult position, he tried' 11.Nf7 Quintiliano, Renato: '?' Quintiliano, Renato: 'when Black could win in a beautiful way now:' 11...cxd5 Quintiliano, Renato: '!'

(11...Rd7 12.Ng5 h6 13.Kh1 cxd5 14.Nh3 Nxe4 15.Qa5 Bxh3 0-1 (15) Deczki,J-Nagy,N Debrecen 2001*)* 12.Nxd8 Nxe4 13.Qd3 Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Bxf2 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'White has too many threats to deal with.' 15.g3 Qf6 16.Kg2 Nxc1 17.Rxc1 Qh6 Quintiliano, Renato: '-+!';

B2) 10.Nc3 c6 11.Nf7 Rd7 12.Bc4 Ne2 13.Qxd7+ Qxd7 14.Nxe5 Qd4 15.Bxe2 Qxf2+ 16.Kd1 Qxg2 17.Re1 Bf2 18.Nxg4 Bxe1 19.Kxe1 Qg1+ 20.Kd2 Qd4+ 21.Bd3 Nxg4 22.Nd1 c5 23.c3 Qd6 24.Kc2 Qxh2+ 25.Bd2 h5 26.Bc4 Qg2 27.Bd5 h4 28.c4 h3 29.e5 Qf1 0-1 (29) Sandehn,K (2144)-Sabean,S (1487) IECG email 2001]

[9.Qd3 '?!' 9 f3 Alvarsson-Jonsson Quintiliano, Renato: '?' Nxd5

A) 10.c3 Nb4! *(10...Be2! 11.Qd2 Bf3! 12.cxd4 Bb4 13.Nc3 Bxg2 14.Rg1 Bxe4→* Suetin *)* 11.cxb4 Bxb4+ 12.Bd2 *(12.Nc3 Rd8 13.Qg3 Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Nb5 15.Qc2 Qb4+ 16.Bd2 Nd4 17.0-0 Nxc2 18.Bxb4 Nxb4∓* Cramer,G *)* 12...0-0-0 13.Qg3 Qd7 *(13...h5 14.f3 Qc5* 0-1 (14) Grott,P-Leisebein,P www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 14.Nf7 *(14.Nc3 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qb5-+)* 14...Bxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Nc2+ 16.Kf1 Be2+ 17.Kxe2 *(17.Kg1 Qxf7 18.Rc1 Rxd2 19.Qc3 Nd4 20.Qxd2 Nf3+! 21.gxf3 Qg6+-+)* 17...Qxd2+ 18.Kf1 Nxa1 19.Qg4+ Qd7 *(19...Rd7? 20.g3 Qxb2 21.Qe6 c6 22.Nxe5 Qd4 23.Kg2 Nc2 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Qg8+ Kc7 26.Qxh7+-)* 20.Qxd7+ Rxd7 21.Ke2 Rxf7 22.Rxa1= Cramer,G;

B) 10.exd5 Bf5 Quintiliano, Renato: '-+' *(10...e4 11.Qd2 0-0-0 12.0-0 Rxd5 13.Kh1 Qh4 14.Nf7 Rh5 15.Qf4 Ne2* 0-1 (15) Hanison, B (2010)-Doplmayr,F (2270) corr 1998 *)* 11.Qg3 Nxc2+ 12.Kf1 *(12.Ke2 Nxa1 13.Bg5 Qf8* '!' Trajkovic,M: ' ∓!' *14.Nc3 Nc2 15.Rc1 Nd4+ 16.Kf1 Bd6 17.Re1 Kd7 18.Rxe5 Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Bd3+* 0-1 Paulig-Giertz/corr/1967/ *20.Ke1 Re8* 0-1 (20) Parlig-Giertz cr 1966*)* 12...Nxa1 13.Na3 *(13.Bg5 Qf8 14.Nc3 Kd7 15.d6 Bxd6 16.Qf3 c6 17.g4 Be6 18.Qd1 Qxh8 19.Rg1 Kc7 20.Be3 Qf8 21.Qxa1* ½-½ (21) Zinn,L-Nerenz,W Burg 1965 *)* 13...Qd7 14.Qxe5+ Kf8 15.Nc4 Re8 16.Qc3 Nc2 17.Be3 Bb4 18.Qb3 Qxd5 19.Nd2 Bd3+ 20.Kg1 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Bxd2 22.h4 Bxe3+ 23.Kh2 Bf4+ 24.g3 Bxg3+ 25.Kxg3 Qe5+ 26.Kg2 Qe2+ 27.Kg3 Qe3+ 0-1 (27) Van der Moot,H (1830)-Mroczek,J (2052) ICCF email 2008]

[9.Ng6 hxg6 10.Qd2 Nxd5 11.c3 Nf6 12.cxd4 *(12.Qd3 0-0-0 13.cxd4 Rxd4 14.Qc2 Rd1+ 15.Qxd1 Bxd1 16.Kxd1 Qd7+ 17.Bd2 Nxe4 18.Kc1 Nxf2 19.Rf1 Qd3 20.Re1 Qf5 21.Re2* 0-1 (21) Newton,H (2030)-Nava,E (2111) IECG 2000*)* 12...Bb4 13.Nc3 Nxe4 14.Qd3 exd4 15.0-0 dxc3 16.bxc3 Nxc3 17.Qxg6+ Kf8 18.Qxg4 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nxc1 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Qxb7 Rf8 22.Raxc1 Bd6 23.Qb3+ Kh8 24.Qh3+ Kg8 25.Rfe1 Qg5 26.Qe6+ Kh8 27.Rc3

g6 28.Qd7 1-0 (28) Newton,H (2030)-Moro Lorente,R (1750) IECG 2000]

9...Nxd5 10.fxg4

[10.h4?!

A) 10...Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.Kf1 Be6 13.Nd2 0-0-0 14.b3 Rxh8 15.c3 Nc6 16.Qc2 Rd8 17.Rd1 Bb6 18.Nb1 Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Qc5 20.Qd2 Ne5 21.Ke2 Nxf3 22.Kxf3 *(22.Qxf4 Qf2+ 23.Kd1 Qxg2 24.Qf8+ Kd7* 0-1 (24) Simon,G-Giertz,A corr Privatpartie 1981*)* 22...Qh5+ 23.Kxf4 Qg4+ 24.Ke5 c5 25.Kd6 Bg8 26.Ke7 Qe6+ 0-1 (26) Simon,G-Giertz,A corr 1981;

B) 10...Nb4 11.Na3 ChessCalisthenics: ' ∓' h6 12.c3 0-0-0 13.fxg4 Ndc2+ 14.Nxc2 Rxd1+ 15.Kxd1 Qd7+ 16.Bd2 Qxg4+ 17.Kc1 Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Qxg2 19.Rd1 Qe2 1-0 (19) Szabo,I-Lehmann Hungary 1984]

[10.exd5 ChessCalisthenics: 'RR' Bf5 Heemsoth: '!' '!' *(10...Qh4+-+)* 11.h4 Nxc2+ 12.Ke2 Qd6 13.Qd2 Qa6+ 14.Kd1 Ne3+ 15.Ke1 0-0-0 16.Nf7 Rxd5 17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Na3 Qg6 19.Ng5 h6 20.h5 Qc6 21.g4 hxg5 22.gxf5 Bxa3 23.Bxg5 Bxb2 24.Rd1 Qc3+ 25.Kf2 Qc2+ 0-1 (25) Pallosi,R-Magyar,B corr 1984]

10...Qh4+

[10...Nb4 11.Na3

A) 11...0-0-0 Heemsoth: '!' '!' 12.Bd2 Qh4+ *(12...Ndxc2+* Heemsoth, H.;Wrang,G-Wedberg,T/Stockholm Skol-SM 1972/0-1*)* 13.g3

A1) 13...Qh3 Heemsoth: '-+' '-+'

A1a) 14.g5 Ndxc2+! 15.Qxc2 *(15.Nxc2 Nd3+ 16.Ke2 Qg2#)* 15...Nxc2+ 16.Nxc2 Qg2 17.0-0-0 Rxd2 0-1 (17) Torres,P-Bet,C corr 1974 OM Corr 202003 [Heemsoth]0-1 Torres Espallardo,P-Bet,C CADAP corr Argentina 1974;

A1b) 14.Rg1 Qxh2 15.Rf1 Qxg3+ 16.Rf2 Ndxc2+;

A1c) 14.Bg5 Ndxc2+ 15.Nxc2 Nd3+ 16.Ke2 Qg2# 0-1 (16) Tennant,S-McGuire,R USA 1964;

A2) 13...Ndxc2+ 14.Qxc2 Nxc2+ 15.Nxc2 Qxg4 16.Ne3 Qxe4 17.0-0-0 Bxe3 18.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 19.Kb1 Rxh8 0-1 (19) Williams,G-Mabbs,D Whitby/Yorkshire 1962;

B) 11...Qh4+ 12.g3 Qh3 13.c3 Qg2 0-1 (13) Lihtonen,P-Ostroverkhov,V corr 1967 OM Corr 202003 [Heemsoth]]

11.Kd2!? ChessCalisthenics: '??'

[11.g3 ChessCalisthenics: ' ⩲' Qh3 Quintiliano, Renato: 'White can't prevent the invasion on g2.'

A) 12.c3 Qg2 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' 13.cxd4

A1) 13...Qxh1+ 14.Kd2 Qxe4 15.Nc3 Bb4 Heemsoth: '!'

A1a) 16.Qc2 Heemsoth: '?' Bxc3+ 0-1 (16) Foerch,A-Grivas Sicilian Teiresias Calcutta 1976 ZUS C73 [Kuznetsov,I] *(16...Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Qe3+ 18.Kd1 Nxc3+)*;

A1b) 16.Qf1 exd4 17.Kd1 dxc3 18.Bg5 Ne3+ 19.Bxe3 0-0-0+ 0-1 (19) Water,C-Augustat,S cr_142626 1976;

A2) 13...Nb4 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' 14.Na3 Qxh1+

15.Kd2 Qxe4 Quintiliano, Renato: '-+';

B) 12.exd5! ChessCalisthenics: '∓' 12...Qg2 RR 13.Rf1 Nxc2+-+]

11...Qf2+ 12.Kd3 Nb4+ 13.Kc3 0-0-0 ChessCalisthenics: 'RR: '!' '!''

14.Nd2 ChessCalisthenics: 'RR: '?' '?''

[14.Bd2N Qxg2 15.Re1 Nbxc2! 16.b4 Bxb4+ 17.Kb2 Nxe1 18.Qxe1 ChessCalisthenics: '-+']

14...Qe3+ 15.Kc4 b5+ 16.Kxc5 Na6#!? 0-1 (16) Alvir,A (2353)-Popovic,D (2573) Aschach 2011 CI1-130 [Popovic,Dusan] 0-1 Alvarsson-Jonsson/Sweden/1966/ RR: '#'

7.c3 Nxd5

[7...Ne6 8.0-0 Nxg5 9.Bxg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Bb3 Qg6 13.Re1 Bh3 14.g3 Be6 15.Bc2 Rad8 16.Qe2 Bg4 17.Nf3 Qh5 18.Bd1 Rxd1 19.Qxd1 Bxf3 20.Qc2 Qh3 0-1 (20) Hasler,U-Schmidt corr 1972]

8.exd5 Nf5 9.Ne4 Qe7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bc1 Bd7 12.Nbd2 0-0-0 13.Qb3 c6 14.0-0 cxd5 15.Qxd5 Bb6 16.Nc4 Bc6 17.Nxb6+ axb6 18.Qc4 b5 19.Qe2 Rd7 20.a4 bxa4 21.b3 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qe6 23.Qxa4 Rhd8 24.Ba3 Qc6 25.Qxc6+ bxc6 26.Bc5 Kb7 27.Ra7+ Kb8 28.Ra6 Kb7 29.Ra7+ Kb8 30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Rc1 Nd6 32.Rd1 Kc7 33.Bxd6+ Rxd6 34.Rxd6 Kxd6 35.f3 Kd5 36.Kf2 e4 37.Ke3 exf3 38.Kxf3 Ke5 39.Ke3 f5 40.b4 Kd5 41.Kd3 f4 42.c4+ Ke5 43.b5 cxb5 44.cxb5 g5 45.h3 Kd5 46.b6 Kc6 47.Ke4 Kxb6 48.Kf5 h6 49.Kg6 Kc5 50.Kxh6 g4 51.hxg4 Kd4 52.g5 Ke3 53.g6 1-0 (53) Schwibbe,R-Baumbach,F DDR 1982

[25] **7...Kf8** 8.c3 Bg4 9.f3 Nxe4 10.fxg4 Nxg5 11.Bc4 Ngf3+ 12.Kf1 Qf6 13.gxf3 Nxf3 14.Kg2 Nh4+ 15.Kh3 h5 16.Rf1 hxg4+ 17.Kxg4 Bf2 18.Rxf2 Qxf2 19.Qf1 Qxf1 20.Bxf1 Rd8 21.Nd2 Rd7 22.b3 Ke8 23.Be2 Rd5 24.Ne4 Rd7 25.Bg5 1-0 (25) Prill,D (2000)-Buchmann,H (2129) www.remoteschach.de 2006

[26] **8.Nc3** c6 9.Bc4 Rf8∓ 10.Be2 b5 11.0-0 Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 Bg4 13.Nf3 Qe8 14.Be3 Bd6 15.h3 Be6 16.Rad1 Qh5 17.Rxd6 Kxd6 18.Qd2+ Kc7 19.Nxb5+ cxb5 20.Qa5+ Kd7 21.Qxb5+ Ke7 22.Ng5 Nd7 23.Qb4+ Kf6 24.Qd6 Rfe8 25.g4 Qxg5 26.Bxg5+ Kxg5 27.c4 Rac8 28.Rc1 h6 29.c5 Kf6 30.c6 Nf8 31.Rc5 Ng6 32.c7 Kf7 33.Ra5 Re7 34.Rxa7 Rd7 35.Qc5 Rd4 36.b4 Rc4 37.Qa5 Rc1+ 38.Kh2 Rc2 39.b5 Rxf2+ 40.Kg1 Rxa2 41.Qxa2 Bxa2 42.b6 1-0 (42) Landwehr, B-Skorbek GER corr 1965

[27] **8...Bg4** 9.f3 Bh5 10.c3 h6 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Draw agreed 13...hxg5 14.Qxg5 Kf8 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qf5+ Ke8 17.g4 Qh4+ 18.Ke2 Nb6 19.Bb3 Qh3 20.Qe6+ Kf8 21.Nc3 Re8 22.Qf5+ Ke7 23.Rad1 Rh6 24.Nd5+ Nxd5 25.Rxd5 Re6 26.Rhd1 1-0 (26) Schulz, G (2143)-Wilshusen,H (1562) BdF-Schachserver 2011

8...Rf8 9.c3 Ne6

[9...Nc6 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.f3 Ke7 12.h4 h6 13.Nh3 a5 14.a4 Nh5 15.b3 Nd8 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Nxa3 c6 18.0-0-0 Ng3 19.Rh2 Ne6 20.Nf2 Nf4 21.Nd3 Nxd3+ 22.Bxd3 Be6 23.Nc4 Bxc4 24.Bxc4 Rad8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.h5 b5 27.axb5 cxb5 28.Bxb5 Rb8 29.Bc4 a4 30.Rh3

1-0 (30) Rudnick-Fechner,J corr 1983]

10.Bxe6 Bxe6 11.Nxe6 Kxe6 12.Qb3+ Ke7 13.f3 Qd3 14.Bg5 h6 15.Qd5 Qxd5 16.Bxf6+ gxf6 17.exd5 Kd6 18.c4 Bd4 19.Nd2 Bxb2 20.Ne4+ Kd7 21.Rb1 Bd4 22.Rxb7 f5 23.Ng3 Bb6 24.c5 Bxc5 25.Rb5 Kd6 26.Ke2 a6 27.Rb2 Kxd5 28.Rc2 Rf7 29.Rhc1 Bb6 30.Rc6 Rg8 31.Rxh6 f4 32.Ne4 Rxg2+ 33.Kd3 Bd4 34.Rc5+ 1-0 (34) Malmstroem,J (2031)-Stadler,P (1767) IECG email 2000

8...Ne6 9.Qxd8+ Rxd8 10.Bxe6 Bxe6 11.Nxe6 Kxe6 12.f3 Rd7 13.Ke2 Rad8 14.Nd2 b6 15.Nb3 Be7 16.Be3 h6 17.Rad1 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Rxd1 19.Kxd1 g5 20.Ke2 Nh5 21.Nc1 a5 22.a4 Nf4+ 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Kd3 c6 25.Kc4 h5 26.Ne2 Bf6 27.c3 Be5 28.b4 Kd6 29.bxa5 bxa5 30.Nd4 g4 31.Nb3 h4 32.h3 1-0 (32) Kristol,L-Collings,R corr 1972

28 **9.Be2** h6

[9...Rf8 10.Be3 Qd6 11.Bxd4 Bxd4 12.c3 Bxf2+ 13.Kf1 Qb6 14.Qd3 Bh4 0-1 (14) De Booij,M (1014)-Baltar, A (2073) LSS 2022]

10.Nf3 Nxe4

[10...Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 *(12.Bxd1 Be6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 g5 15.Nd2 g4 16.f4 h5 17.Be2 a5 18.b3 b4 19.f5 Bc8 20.Bd3 Bb7 21.Kf2 a4 22.h3 gxh3 23.Kg3 Ng4 24.Rae1 h2 25.Nf1 Rag8 26.Kf3 Rg5 27.Nxh2 Rxf5+ 28.Kg3 h4+ 29.Kxg4 Rf2 30.Ref1 Bc8+ 31.Kg5 Rg2+* 0-1 (31) De Booij,M (1014)-Cvak,R (2312) LSS 2022*)* 12...Bxf2 13.Bxb5 Rb8 14.Bc4 Rd8+ 15.Ke2 Bd4 16.Nc3 Bd7 17.Nd1 Rb4 18.Bd3 Rbb8 19.c3 Bb6 20.Ne3 Be6 21.b3 c6 22.Nc4 Bc7 23.Nb2 Ba5 24.b4 Bb6 25.Bc4 c5 26.b5 Ba5 27.Bd2 g5 28.Bxe6 Kxe6 29.Nc4 Bc7 30.a4 g4 31.Be3 gxf3+ 32.Kxf3 Rd3 33.Rhc1 Rf8 34.Ra3 Rf7 35.a5 Bd8 36.Ke2 Rdd7 37.Nd2 Ng4 38.Bxc5 Bg5 39.Rd1 Be7 40.Bxe7 Kxe7 41.h3 Nf2 42.Rf1 Nxh3 43.Rxf7+ Kxf7 44.Nc4 Nf4+ 45.Kf3 Kf6 46.a6 Rd3+ 47.Kf2 Nh3+ 48.Ke1 Nf4 49.b6 Rd8 50.b7 Nd3+ 51.Ke2 Nc5 52.Nd6 Rb8 53.Ra5 Nxb7 54.axb7 Ke6 55.Rd5 Kd7 56.c4 a5 57.c5 a4 58.Kd3 a3 59.Kc4 a2 60.Rd1 1-0 (60) Flitsch,G (2352)-Topolovec,F (2267) ICCF 2005]

11.Be3

[11.Nxe5 Nxf2 12.Kxf2 Nc6+ 13.Ke1 Nxe5 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8∓ Williams]

11...Rf8 12.Bxd4

[12.0-0 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Qxd1 14.Bxc5+ Nxc5 15.Rxd1 e4 16.Re1 Kf6 17.Bd1 a5 18.Nc3 Rd8 19.Nxe4+ Nxe4 20.Bf3 Bf5 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Rd2 23.Rc1 Rad8 24.Kf1 R8d6 25.Re2 R2d5 26.Re3 c6 27.Rf3+ Rf5 28.Rd3 Rdd5 29.Rcd1 Rde5 30.Rd6+ Re6 31.Rxe6+ Kxe6 32.Re1+ Kf6 33.Re4 a4 34.a3 Rc5 35.c3 Rd5 36.Rd4 Rc5 37.Rd7 h5 38.h4 Rc4 39.g3 Rc5 40.Kg2 Rc4 41.f3 Kg6 42.Kf2 Kf6 43.Rd4 Rc5 44.g4 Kf7 45.Rd7+ Kf8 46.Kg3 Re5 47.Kf4 Rc5 48.g5 g6 49.Rd6 Kf7 50.Rf6+ Kg7 51.Ke3 Rc4 52.f4 Kh7 53.Rd6 Kg7 54.Rd7+ Kf8 55.Rd6 Kg7 56.Rd4 Rc5 57.Ke4 Kf7 58.c4 Ke6 59.cxb5 cxb5 60.Kf3 Rc8 61.Rb4 Rb8 62.b3 1-0 (62) Roebuck,D (2406)-Michalek, M (2128) ICCF email 2019]

12...Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Qxd4 exd4 15.0-0 Rb8 16.b4 Bf5 17.Bd3 Kf6 18.g4 Bg6 19.f4 Rfe8 20.a4 Nd6 21.f5 Bf7 22.Nd2 Bc4 23.axb5 ½-½ (23) Roebuck,D (2406)-Renard,S (2304) ICCF email 2019

29 **9...h6** 10.Nf3

[10.c3 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Verhindert das Eindringen auf b4' hxg5 *(10...Bg4 11.Nf3 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Bh5 13.Qe2 c6 14.Rg1 g5 15.Bc2 Rf8 16.Nd2 Qd7 17.Nf1 Rad8 18.Ng3 Bg6 19.Nf5+ Bxf5 20.exf5 Qd6 21.f4 e4 22.fxg5 hxg5 23.Bxg5 Qxh2 24.Qxe4+ Kd7 25.0-0-0+* 1-0 (25) Green,P (2122)-Avery,B (1712) ICCF email 2017 *)* 11.cxd4

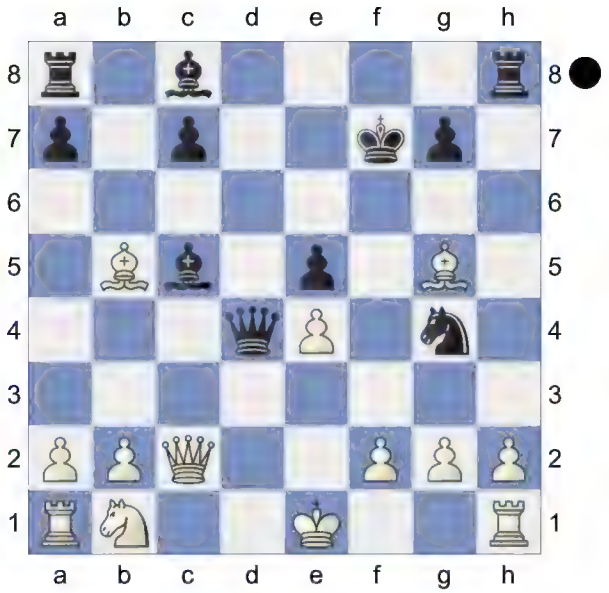
A) 11...Bxd4 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bxg5 Draw agreed Qb6 *(13...Kf7 14.h4 Qb6 15.Rf1 Ng4 16.Qe2 Nh2 17.Rh1 Ng4 18.Nd1 Qa5+ 19.Bd2 Qd8 20.h5 Be6 21.f3 Nf6 22.g4 Qd7 23.a4 a6 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rxa8* 1-0 (25) Micheel-Otte,H DDR 1987 *)* 14.0-0 Kf7 15.Ne2 Bg4 16.Qc2 Rxh2 17.Kxh2 Bxf2 18.Nf4 Rh8+ 19.Nh3 Be3 20.Bxe3 Qxe3 21.Rae1 Qh6 22.Qc1 g5 23.Re3 Kg7 24.Rg3 Bd7 25.Qc5 1-0 (25) Hoexter,H (2067)-Wilshusen,H (1562) BdF-Schachserver 2011;

B) 11...Qxd4 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Droht Matt. '

B1) 12.Qc2 Leisebein, P.: 'N!?' Ng4 Fritz 6 (30s): 'f2 ist bedroht' 13.Bxg5+ Kf7

B1a) 14.Rf1 Nxh2 15.Be3 Qb4+ Leisebein, P.: '=' 16.Bd2 Qd4 Fritz 6 (30s): '=';

B1b) 14.Bxb5 Leisebein, P.: '# Leisebein: '



Leisebein, P._15504: '#''' Kg6 Leisebein, P.: '!' 15.h4 Rb8 16.Nc3 *(16.f3 Rxb5* Leisebein, P.: ' ∓!'*)* 16...Nxf2 17.Rf1 Rxb5 18.Nxb5 Nd3+ 19.Kd2 Bb4+ 0-1 (19) Moradiabadi,E-Genovese,A Montreal 1998 ZUS B54 [Khalifman,Alexander; Komarov,D] Leisebein, P.: '!';

B1c) 14.h4 Qxf2+ Fritz 6 (30s): '=' *(14...Rf8 15.Rf1 Kg8 16.Nc3 Nxf2 17.Bxb5 c6 18.Be2 Bg4 19.Ba6 Rf7 20.Qb3 Raf8 21.Qc4 Kh8 22.Qxd4 exd4* 0-1 (22) Grott,P-Leisebein,P DESC email 2000*)* 15.Qxf2+ Bxf2+ *(15...Nxf2* Fritz 6 (30s): '?' *16.Rf1* Fritz 6 (30s): '+-'*)* 16.Ke2 Bd4 17.Nd2 *(* Fritz 6 (30s): 'Schlechter scheint' *17.Bxb5 Bxb2 18.Nd2 Bxa1 19.Rxa1 Rb8* Fritz 6 (30s): ' ∓'*)* 17...a6 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Der Gegner darf nicht nach b5' 18.Nc4 ½-½ (18) Grott,P (1299)-

Leisebein,P (1628) DESC email 1999 Fritz 6 (30s): '??' Fritz 6 (30s): 'danach kann Weiß alle Träume begraben' *(18.Raf1+* Fritz 6 (30s): '⩲' Fritz 6 (30s): 'war relativ besser' *Nf6 19.b3* Fritz 6 (30s): '=' *)*;

B2) 12.Qe2 Leisebein, P.: 'Leisebein' Rd8 Leisebein, P.: '!' '!' *(12...Ng4* Leisebein, P.: '?' '?' *13.Bxg5+ Kd6 14.Be3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Qxe3 16.Qxe3 Bxe3* Leisebein, P.: 'Fernpartie:Grott-Schneider 1989' *17.Nd2 a6 18.Be2 Be6 19.Nf3 Rh5 20.Rd1+ Ke7 21.Rd3 Bb6 22.b3 c5 23.Nd4 cxd4 24.Bxh5 Ba5+ 25.Kd1 Rc8 26.h3 Bb4 27.Rf1 Rf8 28.Rxf8 Kxf8 29.Rf3+ Ke7 30.Bg6 a5 31.Kc2 a4 32.g4 axb3+ 33.axb3 Bc5 34.Bf5 Bf7 35.h4 g6 36.Bd7 Kxd7 37.Rxf7+ Ke6 38.Rf3 Be7 39.h5 gxh5 40.gxh5 Bg5 41.Rf8 Be7 42.Rf5 Bf6 43.h6* 1-0 (43) Harikrishna,P-Spanish 4...d6 5.c3 corr 1989 ZUS C73 [John Watson]*)* 13.Qc2 Qxf2+ 14.Qxf2 Bxf2+ Leisebein, P.: '∓' '∓' P.Leisebein;

B3) 12.0-0 g4 13.Be3 Qd6 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Nc3 Bd7 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.Qd2 Rh5 18.Ne2 Rah8 19.Ng3 Rxh2 20.Qg5 Kd8 21.Rfd1 Kc8 22.Qxe5 R2h6 23.Be2 Kb8 24.Qd4 Nh5 25.Qxb6+ axb6 26.Nxh5 Rxh5 27.f4 gxf3 28.Bxf3 R5h7 29.Rc3 g5 30.Rcd3 Bc6 31.Kf2 g4 32.Bxg4 Bxe4 33.Rd8+ Rxd8 34.Rxd8+ Kb7 35.Bc8+ Kc6 36.b4 Rf7+ 37.Ke3 ½-½ (37) De Groote,J (2177)-Dard,M (2126) IECG 2006]

10...Ng4

[10...Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 Fritz 6 (30s): '±' Rf8 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 Qd4 14.Qxd4 exd4 15.Nd2 Be6 16.0-0 c5 17.Bxb5 Rab8 18.a4 a6 19.Bxa6 Rxb2 20.Rfc1 Ng4 21.Nf3 Kd6 22.a5 Ne5 23.Nxe5 Kxe5 24.f3 Ra8 25.Bf1 Ba2 26.a6 c4 27.Rxa2 Rxa2 28.Bxc4 Ra4 29.Bd3 R4xa6 30.Bxa6 Rxa6 31.c3 1-0 (31) Schwellnus,G (2129)-Skowronek,J (1985) freechess.de 2019]

[10...Bg4 11.Be3 *(11.Nbd2 Qd6 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Nxf3+ 14.Nxf3 Bxg4 15.hxg4 Nxg4 16.Nh4 Bxf2+ 17.Kf1 Bxh4 18.Qxg4 Raf8+ 19.Ke2 Rf2+ 20.Kd1 g5 21.Rxh4* 1-0 (21) Frendzas,P-Soar,T (1676) ICCF 2020 *)* 11...a6 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.c3 Ba7 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 Be8 16.Rf1 Qd6 17.Bc2 g5 18.Qxd6+ cxd6 19.Nbd2 Bc6 20.Rg1 Raf8 21.Rg3 Nd7 22.Kf1 Rf4 23.a4 Bb6 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rg1 Nc5 26.Kg2 Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Bxe4 28.Nxe4 Rxe4 29.Ra6 Rb8 30.Re1 Ra4 31.Rxa4 bxa4 32.h4 Kf6 33.hxg5+ hxg5 34.Re4 Bc5 35.Re2 e4 36.Rxe4 Rxb2 37.Rxa4 Rxf2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.c4 Be3 40.Kh3 Bf4 41.Ra5 Ke7 42.Rd5 Rf2 43.Rd3 Ke8 0-1 (43) Kunisch,S (1200)-Blankenberg,B (2039) DESC email 2001]

11.Be3

[11.Rf1 Qd6 12.h3 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Nh2 *(13...Nf6!?)* 14.Rg1 *(14.Rh1!?)* 14...Qf6 15.Rg3 Rf8 16.Nd2 g5∓ Williams]

11...Nxe3 12.fxe3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Kd6 14.Bxb5 c6 15.Nc3 Kc7 16.Qf7+ Qe7

17.Qxe7+ Bxe7 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rf1 Bg4 20.Kd2 Rad8+ 21.Bd3 Rf6 22.Rxf6 gxf6 23.h3 Be6 24.Ke2 h5 25.h4 Rg8 26.Kf2 Rg4 27.Rh1 Rg8 28.b3 Rd8 29.Ne2 Bg4 30.a4 Kb6 31.Nc3 Be6 32.Rd1 Rf8 33.g3 Kc7 34.Be2 Rh8 35.Nb1 ½-½ (35) Cvak,R (2461)-Renard,S (2304) ICCF email 2019

9...Bg4 10.f3 h6 11.fxg4 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Ne6 13.Bxf6+ gxf6 14.Nc3 c6 15.h3 Qd4 16.Qd2 Nf4 17.0-0-0 Qe3 18.Qxe3 Bxe3+ 19.Kb1 a6 20.Ne2 Nxg2 21.Ng3 Nh4 22.a3 Rad8 23.c3 Bg5 24.a4 Bf4 25.Nf5+ Nxf5 26.exf5 c5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bxb5 Rxh3 29.Rxh3 Rxd1+ 30.Ka2 e4 31.Rh7+ Kd8 32.Rh8+ Kc7 33.Re8 e3 34.Re4 Bh6 35.Ka3 Rd2 36.Re7+ Kd8 37.Re8+ Kc7 38.Bc4 Bg5 39.Re7+ Kd8 40.Re4 Rf2 41.b3 ½-½ (41) Cvak, R (2297)-Baltar,A (2200) LSS 2022

9...Qd6 10.c3 Nc6 11.Qe2 b4 12.Bc4 Rf8 Leisebein, P.: '∞'

30 **10.Nf3** Qd6

[10...Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Be6 12.Rg1 Rf7 *(12...g6 13.Qe2 c6 14.Bg5 Kf7 15.Nd2 Qb6 16.f4 exf4 17.e5 Nd7 18.Bh6 Rae8 19.Nf3 Bd5 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.Kf1 Bd4 22.Ng5 Re7 23.Qg4 Bxb2 24.Qxf4+ Ke8 25.Rd1 Bxe5 26.Qh4 Bf6 27.Qh3 Kd8 28.Nxh7 Be6 29.Qh6 Bg7 30.Qh4 Qd4 31.Qxd4 Bh3+ 32.Rg2 Bxd4 33.Ng5 Bxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Kc7 35.f4 Bf6 36.h4 Nf8 37.Kf3 a5 38.Rh1* ½-½ (38) Hale,D (2081)-Nowak,I (2160) LSS 2020*)* 13.Nc3 a6 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 c5 16.Qd2 Qc7 17.0-0-0 Rd8 18.Qf2 Kf8 19.Be2 b4 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.Bc4 Rfd7 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Rxd5 25.Qh4 g6 26.Qf6+ Qf7 27.Qxa6 Kg7 28.Rf1 Rd8 29.b3 Qd5 30.Kb1 Rd7 31.h4 Rf7 32.e4 Qd7 33.h5 Rxf3 34.Rc1 Rf4 35.hxg6 hxg6 36.Rg1 Rg4 37.Rf1 Rf4 38.Rg1 Rg4 39.Rf1 Draw agreed ½-½ (39) Schulz,G (2143)-Fritsche,F (2129) BdF-Schachserver 2011]

11.Nbd2

[11.Nc3 c6 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.f3 a5 *(13...Be6 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.Bg5+ Kf7 16.Qd2 Nb6 17.Nd1 b4 18.Be2 Nc4 19.Be3 a5 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.c3 bxc3 22.bxc3 Bc5 23.Nb2 Be6 24.Qxd6 Bxd6 25.Na4 Rab8 26.Kf2 Be7 27.Rhb1 Rfd8 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.Bxc5 a4 30.Kg3 Rb5 31.Bb4 Ke8 32.c4 Bxc4 33.Bc3 Ke7 34.Rxb5 cxb5 35.Bxe5 a3 36.Bc3 Ra8 37.Bb4+ Ke6 38.Rc1 Ra4 39.Bc5 Bxa2 40.Ra1 Bc4 41.Rxa3 Rxa3 42.Bxa3 g6 43.Bc5 h5 44.Bf8 Kf7 45.Bd6 Ke6 46.Bb4 Bf1 47.f4 Be2 48.Kf2 Bc4 49.Ke3* ½-½ (49) Baltar,A (1911)-Valverde,A (1976) LSS 2021 *)* 14.Qe2 Nh5 15.g3 Bh3 16.Bd2 a4 17.a3 Nf6 18.0-0-0 Be6 19.Nb1 Rab8 20.c3 Bb6 21.Be3 Qc7 22.Bc2 Nd7 23.Bxb6 Nxb6 24.Rhf1 Kf7 25.f4 Kg8 26.Nd2 c5 27.f5 Ba2 28.Rf3 Bf7 29.g4 b4 30.axb4 cxb4 31.cxb4 Rfc8 32.Rc3 Qd6 33.Qd3 Qxb4 34.Rxc8+ Rxc8 35.Kb1 Qc5 36.g5 a3 37.g6 hxg6 38.fxg6 Bxg6 39.Bb3+ Bf7 40.Bxf7+ Kxf7 41.Qb3+ Kg6 42.bxa3 Kh7 ½-½ (42) Baltar,A (2200)-Cvak,R (2297) LSS email 2022]

11...Ng4 12.0-0 Qg6 13.Be2 Nxh2 14.Nxe5 Qd6 15.Ndf3 Ndxf3+ 16.Nxf3 Nxf1 17.Qxf1 h6 18.b4 Bb6 19.Bb2 Bg4 20.Rd1 ½-½ (20) Cvak,R (2461)-Corbat,P (2417) ICCF email 2019

10.Be3 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Leisebein, P.: '?!' 10...h6 Fritz 6 (30s): '±'

[10...Qd6 11.Nc3 Bg4 12.Qd2 h6 13.h3 Bh5 14.Bxd4 Qxd4 15.Nxb5 Qxb2 16.0-0 Qb4 17.Qxb4 Bxb4 18.Rab1 Bc5 19.Nf3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 c6 21.Nc3 Rab8 22.Kg2 Nh5 23.Ne2 Rxb1 ½-½ (23) Hirscheider,H (2072)-Giesen,K (2243) www.desc-online.de 2016]

11.Nf3

[11.c3 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Verhindert das Eindringen auf b4' hxg5 *(11...Ng4 12.0-0 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Rxf1+ 14.Qxf1 hxg5 15.exd4 exd4 16.Kh1 c6 17.Qc1 Kf8 18.Nd2 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Qd6 20.Rf1+ Kg8 21.e5 Qd4 22.Qb3+* 1-0 (22) Grott,P-Riessebeck corr 1992 *)* 12.cxd4 Bxd4 13.Qd2 *(13.Bxg5* Fritz 6 (30s): '??' Fritz 6 (30s): 'der Bauer ist nicht zu nehmen' *Bxb2 14.Be3 Bxa1 15.Bc5+ Kf7 16.Bxf8 Kxf8* Fritz 6 (30s): '-+'*)* 13...Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Qd4 15.Qxd4 exd4 16.Nd2 c5 17.b3 a6 ½-½ (17) Nisipeanu,L (1299)-Genovese,A (1628) BFM 147 1999 ZUS C73 [Doric,Nenand]]

11...Bg4N Definitely, without Novelty - this game is far cry! But Rd8 quite well did not hold water for some of the immediate threats possible, on b6 and a6! The Rooks always better in C-file! (although d5 was very tempting. The Dark coloured bishop makes the King Vulnerable!

[11...Ng4!?]

12.Nbd2!? Qd6 '⩲' Zinn - Nunn, corr. 1966 - 5/243 '⩲' 13.h3!

[13.Bxd4 Quintiliano, Renato: 'was safe and sound:' Bxd4 14.0-0 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *(14.Rb1 a6 15.0-0 Rad8 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 g5 18.Qe2 Bb6 19.Rbd1 Qe6 20.Kh2 c5 21.c4 b4 22.g3 Bc7 23.Ne1 g4 24.h4 Nh5 25.Ng2 Nf4 26.Qc2 Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Rd4* 10.e5 cd4 11.♘b5 ab5-Andersson,M Wijk aan Zee 1996 TD 92\02 [Bauer] (33) *28.f3 gxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Rxf3 30.Kxf3 Qh3 31.Qg2 Qd7 32.Qe2 Qh3 33.Qg2* ½-½ Allermann,H-Krauss,W/corr/1989/90/ Surveyabersicht Traxler-Gegenangriff 1996 Konikowski: '½-½ Allermann,H-Krauss,W/corr/1989/90/' Leisebein, P.: '½-½ Allermann,H-Krauss,W/corr/1989/90/ Line Survey\Übersicht-/Traxler-Gegenangriff 1996'*)* 14...Bxb2 15.Rb1 Bc3 16.Rxb5 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'At first sight, it may look as if' Bxd2 17.Qxd2 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nh5 Quintiliano, Renato: 'gives better chances for Black, but after' 19.Qc3 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'White still keeps a big advantage.']

[13.0-0 b4 14.Nc4 Qe6 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Nce5 Bh5 17.Bc4 Qb6 18.Qd3 Bd6 19.Bd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bxf3 21.Nxf3 Rf4 22.Rae1+ Kf8 23.g3 Rf6 24.Nxd4 Kg8 25.Kg2 Raf8 26.f4 a5 27.c4 a4 28.Ne6 R8f7 29.b3 a3 30.Qe3 Qb7 31.Nd8 1-0 (31) Lertora,L-Cottarelli,F Asigc TC002 Tematico di class 1995]

13...Nxf3+?! This is removes critical defence of h5, which will loom further attack on f7! (King is ready to hunted!) 14.gxf3 Fundamentals, Trying to operate on the 'f' file.

[14.Nxf3 Quintiliano, Renato: 'was also possible, maybe White was worried about' Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nd5 Quintiliano, Renato: '!?'Quintiliano,

Renato: ', but this is not dangerous for him:' 16.Qg3 Bb4+ and Black can keep cursing his Black Bishop for preventing the King to come into safety. 17.Ke2 Nf4+ *(17...Nxe3 18.fxe3* Quintiliano, Renato: ' ±*')* Relevant: 18.Kf1 Bc5 *(18...Nxd3* Quintiliano, Renato: '?' *19.cxd3 Qxd3+ 20.Kg1 Qxe4 21.Qxg7+ Rf7 22.Qg4* Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *Qxg4 23.hxg4* Quintiliano, Renato: ' ±*')* 19.Kg1 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'and the king will find a safe place on h2.']

14...Bxe3 15.hxg4 1. Get to the Target! Pin the Piece. 2. Pair a threat by attack a pawn. 3. Create more threats, attack on f7. Also Look to threaten Nd5! (which is sufficient to move the Queen more defensive!) Quintiliano, Renato: '?'Quintiliano, Renato: 'But this is too optmistic.'

[15.fxe3 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'was safer and more solid, after' Be6 *(15...Bh5∓)* 16.Qe2 Quintiliano, Renato: 'White manages to complete his development with success, for example' a6 17.0-0-0 Bxa2 Quintiliano, Renato: '!?' 18.Rhg1 g5 19.f4 Quintiliano, Renato: '→!']

15...Bf4 Quintiliano, Renato: '⩲' Quintiliano, Renato: 'The play on the dark squares already seems nice compensation for Black.

' 16.Bxb5! Quintiliano, Renato: '?' Trajkovic,Mihajlo: '?!'Quintiliano, Renato: 'And after another careless move, White's position is already very difficult.'

[16.Qe2 Quintiliano, Renato: '⩲' Quintiliano, Renato: 'was the last chance to secure the king, although Black is fine after the nice idea' Nh7 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' 17.0-0-0 Ng5 18.Kb1! This brings the meaning for Rd8! but it is doubled Edge Sword to play this position! Bxd2! This is more accurate 19.Rxd2 Nxf3 20.Rdd1 a6 Quintiliano, Renato: ' ∓' 21.Bxb5 Quintiliano, Renato: '?' Nd4± Quintiliano, Renato: '-+!']

[16.Nb3 a5 17.a4 c6⩲]

16...Qb6?! That's the Trick, Knight was formerly guarding these squares! Nf6 Looks Natural! But Rc8 is better! which allows the King to escape! Quintiliano, Renato: '!'

17.Bd3! This was hard thought move! Although I had seen a Brighter variation, where I simply emerge a Piece up! (With Qe6+!). But the variation lead to a exchange of Queens! I was looking for the Mate instead!! (Winning 3 Pawns equalled a Piece! It was hard to let it go!

[17.Qe2 Quintiliano, Renato: 'doesn't solve the problem anymore:' Bxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Rad8+ 19.Ke1 *(19.Kc1 Rb8)* 19...Nh7 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'and White's task is very unpleasant, as Black pieces are becoming too active']

17...Nxg4 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Trajkovic,Mihajlo: ' ∓!'Quintiliano, Renato: 'A precise shot, Black is winning.

' 18.Qe2

[18.fxg4 Bg3+- Too much attack Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Trajkovic, Mihajlo: '-+!'Quintiliano, Renato: 'Maybe White was counting on' 19.0-0 Quintiliano, Renato: 'but' Rxf2 Quintiliano, Renato: '-+'Quintiliano, Renato: 'wins anyway.']

18...Bxd2+ 19.Qxd2
[19.Kxd2 Nxf2! Interestingly Frustrating that no mate what-so-ever- f6 is defended by Pin! 20.Rhb1 Curse the Black Bishop! *(20.Rhf1* Quiet Move! Mission accomplished I was still not happy with the possibility for a Queen exchange even in this position! Thanks, Black Resigned by Now!! *Nxd3 21.cxd3! Qxb2+)* 20...Rad8 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-' Quintiliano, Renato: 'seems desperate for White.']
19...Rxf3 20.0-0-0
[20.Rf1 Qxb2]
20...Nxf2 Quintiliano, Renato: '-+' 21.Qc3
[21.Rhf1 I had first seen Rf1! But later I had seen an interesting Moves like, if I remove the knight! Re7+! discovers! Removing the knight was all attractive! Despite seeing the immediate Dangers of Rg2! Quintiliano, Renato: ' ♘ ' Rd8! The last try! I could take the Rook, and win the endgame! but it takes the sight out of Mate!! Quintiliano, Renato: '-+']
21...Nxh1 22.Qxe5+ Kf8 23.Rxh1 Re8 This was creating chance! for Black! or I was ready to push the f6 pawn!
24.Qh5 Rf6! 25.a4!? This move came instantly! 25...g5 Mon Hokmome: '9. ♕c2 ♗b7 10. ♗d2 ♖a7-16. ♕f3 dc4_22018 Moscow 2012 CBM 94 [Oim, Sh Riga 6/1979] 0-1' Trajkovic,Mihajlo: '-+' 26.Qh3 Silent move! Attempting to take on Rf8 for a Mate on e7! and also Attacking the Knight on e3!
26...Qd4!? At the first site, it was a straight piece and re-inforcing the support to g6! But in the transition, the Queens get traded! with Qc5 Check! (I was happy that I was winning but, the game was dull after that.) I had only f6 in my sight! and even with the possible Queen exchange!! I had still wanted to threaten more! 27.Rf1!! Interesting - I had seen the Bishop, Pawns were falling, only after I had moved. It was daunting, as g2 was vulnerable! But Nd5 was more instinctive that calculated! Perhaps that was the magic move of the game! 27...Rxf1+! 1-0 (27) Prasath, S (2082)-Mollison,J (1911) Edinburgh 2012 EXT 2014 [Prasath, Malola TS] 28.Qxf1+ Kg7 0-1 Zinn,L-Nun,Jo/corr/1968/

10.h3 h6 11.Nf3 c6 12.Nxe5 Qe8 13.Be3 Kd8 14.f4 Kc7 15.Bxb5 Bb4+ 16.c3 Nxb5 17.cxb4 Nxe4 18.0-0 Bf5 19.a4 Nbd6 20.Na3 g5 21.Rc1 Bd7 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.b5 c5 24.Bxc5 1-0 (24) Kunze-Lommatzsch,E GER corr 1983

31 **10...Ne6** 11.0-0 Fritz 6 (30s): '±' Leisebein, P.: '±'
[11.Nxe6 Bxe6 12.b4 Bxb4 13.Be3 1-0 (13) Osthus,R (1200)-Thau,O (1200) DESC email 2001]
11...Qd6 12.Qe2 h6 13.Nxe6 Bxe6 14.Nd2 a6 15.Nb3 Bg4 16.Qe1 Bb6 17.Bc2 Be6 18.Be3 c5 19.f3
[19.Nd2 Ng4 20.Rd1 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Qc7 22.c4 Rad8 23.Bd3 Rd6 24.Qg3 g5 25.Nf3 bxc4 26.Be2 Rf4 27.Rxd6 Qxd6 28.Rd1 Qc6 29.Nxg5 hxg5 30.Qxg5+ Kf8 31.g3 Rf7 32.Qxe5 Rd7 33.Rc1 Bf7 34.Rc3 Rd4 35.Rf3 Rxe4 36.Qf5 Qe8 37.Bf1 Bc7 38.Qxc5+ Qe7 39.Qd5 Re1 40.Qxc4 Kg7 41.Qg4+ Bg6 42.Rd3 Bd6 43.Rd5 Kh7 44.b4 Qf6

45.a3 Be5 46.Rd1 Re4 47.Qd7+ Kh6 48.Qd2+ Kg7 49.Qd7+ Kh6 ½-½ (49) Swiatek,J (1752)-Baltar,A (1909) LSS 2021]

19...c4 20.Nd2 a5 21.Rf2 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Rfd8 23.a3 Qc7 24.Nf1 Rd7 25.Qe1 Rad8 26.a4 bxa4 27.Ne3 Kf8 28.Bxa4 Rd3 29.Bc2 R3d6 30.Re2 Qb6 31.Kh1 Kg8 32.Rb1 Qb8 33.Ba4 Rd3 34.Rd1 Nd7 35.Bc6 Rxd1 36.Qxd1 Nc5 37.Bd5 Bxd5 38.exd5 Nd3 39.h3 Qa7 40.Qg1 Qc7 41.Qa1 ½-½ (41) Roebuck,D (2406)-Corbat,P (2417) ICCF 2019

10...Nc6 11.Bxb5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Bb7 13.f3 h6 14.Nh3 Rad8+ 15.Nd2 a6 16.Ba4 Kf7 17.Kc2 a5 18.Nc4 Ba6 19.Bb3 Kg6 20.Be3 Nd7 21.Bf2 Ndb8 22.Bxc5 1-0 (22) Roussoulet,G-Ballan,M France 1996

32 **11.Nxh7** Nf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxf2 13.Bg5+ Rf6 14.Qd2

[14.Nxf6 gxf6 15.Qd2 Be6 16.Bxb5 Nxh1 17.Be3 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Bxe3+ 19.Kxe3 Rh8 20.Nd2 Rxh2 21.Rg1 Nf2 22.Be2 Nh3 23.Rg7+ Kd6 24.Rh7 Rh1 25.Bf1 Nf2 26.Rxh1 Nxh1 27.Bc4 Bc8 28.b4 Ng3 29.f4 Ke7 30.f5 Nh5 31.Nb3 Bd7 32.Ba6 Nf4 33.Na5 Ng2+ 34.Kd2 Nh4 35.Bf1 Nf3+ 36.Ke3 Ng5 37.c4 Be8 38.b5 c6 39.a4 Kd6 40.Nb3 Nh7 41.c5+ Kc7 42.Bc4 Bh5 43.Be2 Be8 44.Kd2 Ng5 45.Bd3 Nh7 46.b6+ axb6 47.cxb6+ Kxb6 48.a5+ Ka7 49.Kc3 Ng5 50.Kb4 Nh3 51.Nd2 Nf2 52.Be2 Kb8 53.Kc5 Kc7 54.a6 Bd7 55.a7 1-0 (55) Florian,J-Hoogervorst,P (2128) ICCF email 2002]

14...Nxd3+ 15.Kd1 Nf2+ 16.Kc2 Nxh1 17.Qxd8+ Kxd8 18.Nxf6 gxf6 19.Bxf6+ Kd7 20.Bxe5 Nf2 21.Nd2 Draw agreed ½-½ (21) Hoexter,H (2067)-Schulz,G (2143) BdF-Schachserver 2011

11.cxd4? Qxd4 12.Qd2

[12.0-0? Nxf2 13.Nf3 Nxd1+-+]

12...Nxf2 13.Bxb5 Nxh1 14.Qxd4 Bxd4-+

33 **12.Rxf2** Nxf2 13.Kxf2 Nc2+

[13...Nb3+ 14.Be3 Bxe3+ 15.Kxe3 Nxa1 16.Nd2 Qd6 17.Ngf3 Be6 18.Qxa1 Rd8 19.Bc2 b4 20.Bb3 Bg4 21.Kf2 bxc3 22.bxc3 Qc5+ 23.Kf1 g5 24.Qc1 Rf8 25.h4 gxh4 26.Qe1 Kd7 27.Qxh4 h5 28.Qg5 Kc8 29.Bc4 Kb8 30.Ke1 Bxf3 31.gxf3 h4 32.Ke2 h3 33.Qh4 Qa5 34.Qxh3 Qxc3 35.Qd7 Qb2 36.Qb5+ Qxb5 37.Bxb5 Rf6 38.Nc4 Re6 39.Bd7 Re7 40.Bc6 Kc8 41.Ke3 Kd8 42.Kf2 Re6 43.Bd5 Re8 44.Na5 Ke7 45.Nc6+ Kd6 46.Nxa7 Rb8 47.Nc6 Rh8 48.Kg2 Rh5 49.a4 Rg5+ 50.Kh2 Rh5+ 51.Kg3 Rh1 52.Kg4 Ra1 53.a5 Ra3 54.Kg5 Rxf3 55.a6 Rg3+ 56.Kf5 Rf3+ 57.Kg4 Ra3 58.a7 Kc5 59.Kf5 Kb6 60.Kxe5 Ra1 61.Ke6 Kb7 62.e5 Rd1 63.Be4 Rd2 64.Kf6 Re2 65.Bf5 Ra2 66.e6 Rh2 67.e7 Rh8 68.Be4 Kb6 69.Kf7 Ra8 70.e8Q Rxe8 71.Kxe8 Kb7 72.Kd7 Ka8 73.Bd3 Kb7 74.Ne7 Kxa7 75.Kxc7 Ka8 76.Bb5 Ka7 77.Nc8+ Ka8 78.Bc6# 1-0 (78) Mehlhorn,U (2160)-Dosch,M (1773) BdF-Schachserver 2017]

14.Kf1

[14.Ke2 Nxa1 15.Nf3 Qd6 *(15...h6 16.Nbd2 Bg4 17.h3 Bxf3+ 18.Nxf3 Qd6 19.Bxb5 a5 20.b3 Rd8 21.Qd5 Qxd5 22.exd5 Rxd5 23.Bd3 e4 24.Bxe4 Rd6 25.Bf4 Re6 26.Kd3 a4 27.b4 Bd6 28.Bd2 c5 29.Bd5 Rg6*

30.g4 Rf6 31.g5 Rf5 32.Ke4 Rf8 33.gxh6 gxh6 34.Bxh6 cxb4 35.Bxf8+ Kxf8 36.cxb4 Bxb4 37.Kd3 Kg7 38.Bc6 Nb3 39.axb3 axb3 1-0 (39) Hale,D (2081)-Tylecek,D (2019) LSS 2020*)* 16.Bg5+ Kf8 17.b4 Bb6 18.Nbd2 c5 19.c4 cxb4 20.Qxa1 h6 21.Bh4 bxc4 22.Nxc4 Qg6 23.Bg3 Ba6 24.Qb1 Kg8 25.Qxb4 Bc7 26.Ke3 Rd8 27.Bc2 Rb8 28.Qa4 Rf8 29.Kd2 Rc8 30.Ne3 Kh8 31.Bxe5 Bxe5 32.Nxe5 Qd6+ 33.Bd3 Qxe5 34.Qxa6 Rd8 35.Qxa7 Qd6 36.Nd5 Qxh2 37.Qf2 Qe5 38.a4 Qb2+ 39.Ke3 1-0 (39) Nowak,I (2160)-Tylecek,D (2019) LSS 2020]

14...Nxa1 15.Ne6 Qd6

[15...Kxe6? 16.Bc4+! bxc4 17.Qxd8+-]

16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Bg5+

[17.Na3?! Be6 18.Bg5+ Kf7∓]

17...Kf8 18.Nd2 Kg8

[18...h6 19.Bh4 Be6 20.Ke2 *(20.Qxa1? Qe3 21.Qb1 Qxd2-+)* 20...Qd6 21.Qxa1 g5 22.Bf2 Rd8 23.Qb1 Bxa2 1.74/24 *(23...Bg4+±* 1.43/20 *24.Nf3 Kg7)* 24.Qc2+- Threatens to win with b2-b3. Bf7 ...Bf7-h5+ is the strong threat. 25.Bxb5 a6 26.Ba4 Qe6 27.Nf3 Bh5 28.Ke1 Kg7 29.Bg3 Bxf3 30.gxf3 Kg6 31.Qe2 Qd6 32.Qc4 Kf6 33.b4? 0.76/27 *(33.Kf1+-* 2.50/23 has better winning chances.*)* 33...Qd3±

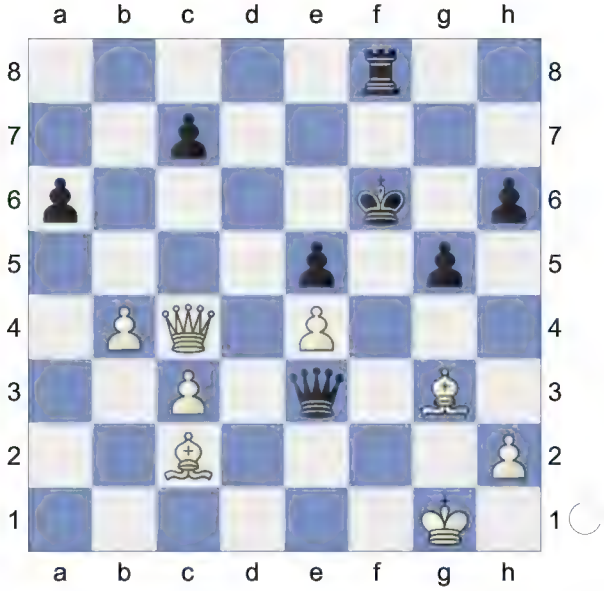
A) 34.Qxc7?! Qe3+ 35.Kf1 Qxf3+ 36.Bf2 *(36.Kg1 Rd1+ 37.Bxd1 Qxd1+ 38.Kg2 Qe2+ 39.Bf2 Qxe4+ 40.Kg1 Qb1+ 41.Kg2 Qe4+ 42.Kg3 Qd3+ 43.Kg2 Qe4+=)* 36...Qh1+ 37.Ke2 Qxe4+ 38.Kf1 Qh1+ 39.Ke2 Qe4+ 40.Kf1 Qh1+ 41.Ke2 Qe4+=;

B) 34.Bb3 Qe3+ 35.Kf1 Qxf3+ 36.Kg1 The board is on fire. Rf8 Inhibits Qc4-f7+.

B1) 37.Qxc7 Kg6 38.Qd6+ Rf6=;

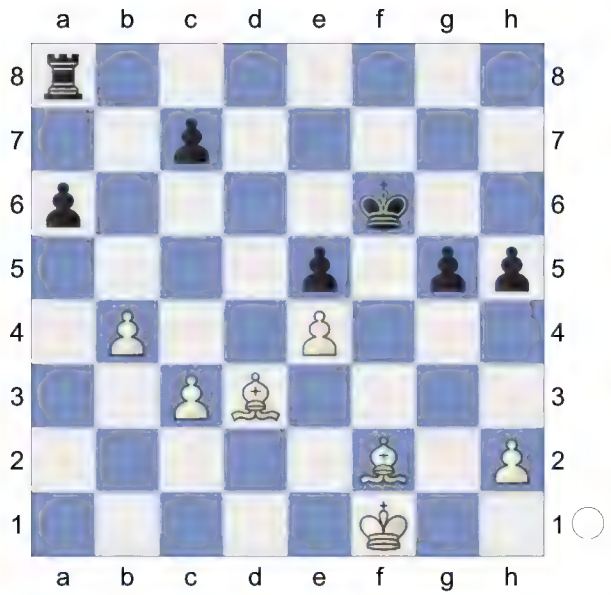
B2) 37.Qxa6+ Kg7 38.Qc4 *(38.Bxe5+ Kh7=)* 38...Qe3+ 39.Kh1 *(39.Kg2 Qf3+ 40.Kg1 Qe3+ 41.Kh1 Qf3+ 42.Kg1=)* 39...Qf3+ 40.Kg1 Qe3+ 41.Kh1 *(41.Kg2 Qf3+ 42.Kg1=)* 41...Qf3+ 42.Kg1=;

B3) 37.Bc2 Qe3+



38.Bf2! Qc1+ 39.Qf1 Qxf1+ 40.Kxf1 h5 41.Bd3 0.62/25 *(41.Ke2±* 1.04/24 *)* 41...Ra8!±

(Diagram)



42.Bc4! c6 Against Bc4-d5 43.Bb6 g4 44.Ke2 Rb8 45.Bf2 &Bianco is more active. Ra8 46.Bh4+ Kg6 47.Kd3 a5 48.bxa5 Rxa5 49.Be6 Ra1 50.Bf5+ *(50.Ke2!?)* 50...Kf7 51.Bg3 Kf6 52.Bc8 Ra5 53.Bh4+ Kf7! 54.Bd7 Ra1 55.Bxc6 0.01/27 *(Better is 55.Bf5!± 0.58/26)* 55...Rh1!= 56.Bd5+ Ke8 57.Bf6

B3a) 57...h4!= 0.01/27 58.Bxh4 *(58.Bxe5 g3=)* 58...Rxh2;

B3b) 57...Rxh2 0.40/24 58.Bxe5± This bishop pair is nice. g3 Hoping for ...Rh2-h1.

B3b1) Wrong is 59.Bxg3? Rh3 60.Ke3 *(60.Bc6+? Ke7-+)* 60...Rxg3+ 61.Kf2 h4-+;

B3b2) 59.Bd4 Black must now prevent e4-e5. 59...g2! Strongly threatening ...Rh2-h1. 60.e5 Rh3+ 61.Ke2 Rg3 62.Bg1 White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) ½-½ (62) Laffont, E (1821)-Tyutyunnik,R (2218) LSS 2020 [Mon Hokmome]]

19.Nf3

[19.Be2 Be6 20.Qxa1 h6 21.Bh4 Rf8+ 22.Nf3 Qe3 23.Qe1 Qxe4 24.Kg1 c6 *(24...Bxa2 25.Bxb5 Qxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Rb8 27.c4 e4 28.Ne5 a6 29.Bxa6 Rxb2 30.Bc3 Rc2 31.Bd4 Rd2 32.Ba7 g5 33.Bb7 Bb1 34.Bb8 Bd3 35.h3 h5 36.Bd5+ Kg7 37.Bxc7 Kf6 38.Kh2 e3 39.Nxd3 Rxd3 40.Kg3 g4 41.Bb6 gxh3 42.gxh3* 1-0 (42) Mehlhorn,U (2160)-Naeter,B (2070) BdF-Schachserver 2017*)* 25.a3 Bd5 26.Bf1 Qxe1 27.Bxe1 Bxf3 28.gxf3 Rxf3 29.Bg3 e4 30.Bg2 Rf6 31.Bxe4 Kf7 32.Bf2 a5 33.b4 a4 34.h4 Re6 35.Bd3 Re5 36.Kf1 1-0 (36) Frendzas,P (2527)-Kahl,F (2345) LSS email 2016]

19...Qd6 20.Ke2 Bg4 21.Qxa1 Qg6 22.Qc1 h6 23.Be3 Bxf3+ 24.gxf3 Qg2+ 25.Kd1 a6 26.Qd2 Qxf3+ 27.Qe2 Qxe2+ 28.Bxe2 g5 29.c4 Kg7 30.Bd2 Kf6 31.Ba5 c6 32.c5 Rb8 33.Bg4 Rb7 34.Ke2 Rf7 35.Bf5 Kg7 36.Kf3 h5 37.Bd8 Kh6 38.Kg3 1-0 (38) Frendzas,P (2585)-Sundqvist,C (2129) LSS 2020

34 **7.Bb3** Rf8 8.0-0 d6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Bc2 Bg4 11.Qd3 h6 12.Nf3 Qe8 13.b4 Bb6 14.b5 Nd8 15.Ba3 Qh5 16.Nbd2 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Bc1 g5 19.Be3 Ng4 20.h3 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Nf4 22.Qd2 Nxh3+ 23.gxh3 Rxf3 0-1 (23) Van Riemsdijk,M (1854)-Barrera Meza,C (2177) Sao Paulo 2009

35 **7...Nxd5** 8.exd5 Nb8 9.d6+ cxd6 10.0-0 Qf8 11.c3 Bb6 12.Be3 h6 1-0 (12) Wiener,H (1946)-Wirth,R (1715) Schweinfurt 2018

36 **8.0-0** d6 9.c3 Bb6 10.Nd2 h6 11.Ngf3 Qe8 12.Nc4 Qh5 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.Nd2 Qh4 15.Nf3 Qh5 ½-½ (15) Kaskinen,T-Maula,E Finland 2012

37 **12.Qd3** Nd4 13.Nf5 Qd7 14.Nxd4 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bxd4 16.c3 Bb6 17.Nd2 Qf7 18.Be3 Qh5 19.Rae1 Bf5 20.Qc4 Qg6 21.Bxb6 axb6 22.Ne4 Kd8 23.f3 Bd7 24.a3 Rf4 25.Qe2 Ke7 26.Rf2 Raf8 27.g3 Kd8 28.Kh1 R4f7 29.Qe3 h6 30.Rg1 Qh5 31.g4 Qh4 32.Rg3 Rf4 33.Kg2 Qe7 34.c4 Qf7 35.h3 g5 36.b3 Qh7 37.a4 Be8 38.a5 Bg6 39.Nc3 bxa5 40.Qa7 Qd7 41.Qa8+ Qc8 42.Qxa5 e4 43.c5 dxc5 44.Qxc5 Qd7 45.Qa7 b6 46.Qa8+ Ke7 47.Qa1 Qd6 48.Re2 Kf7 49.fxe4 Qe5 50.Qe1 Kg7 51.Rge3 h5 52.Rg3 Rf1 53.Qd2 h4 54.Rd3 R8f3 55.Rxf3 Rxf3 56.Rf2 Qg3+ 57.Kf1 Qxh3+ 58.Ke2 Rxc3 59.Qd4+ Kg8 60.Rf8+ Kxf8 61.Qf6+ Ke8 62.Qxg6+ Kd8 63.Qg8+ Kd7 64.Qe6+ Kd8 65.Qg8+ Kd7 ½-½ (65) Fruebing,T (2232)-Schuermans,R (2103) Calvia 2009

38 **8.Ke3** Qe7
[8...Qh4 9.g3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 Qxc4 11.Nxh8 d5 12.Rh4 Qc5+ 13.Kf3 Nd4+ 14.Kg2 Qxc2+ 15.Qxc2 Nxc2 16.Rxh7 Bf5 17.Rxg7 Be4+ 18.Kf2 0-0-0 19.Ng6 Nxa1 20.Nxe5 Bxb1 21.Bf4 Bf5 22.Re7 Nc2 23.Nf7 Bd7 24.Nxd8 Kxd8 25.Rh7 Nb4 26.Bg5+ Ke8 27.Re7+ Kd8 28.Re4+ Kc8 29.Rxb4 1-0 (29) Lembidakis,K-Kinnunen,M Helsinki 1991]
9.Kxe4 Rf8 10.Qh5 g6 11.Qf3 d5+ 12.Bxd5 Bf5+ 13.Ke3 Qc5+ 14.Kd2 Qxc2+ 15.Ke1 Qxc1+ 16.Qd1 Qe3+ 17.Qe2 Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 Nd4+ 19.Kd2 Rxf7 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Na3 Rd8 22.Ke3 c6 23.Rhf1 Ke7 24.Rae1 b5 25.Kf2 Ke6 26.Kg1 Bd3 27.Rf2 b4 28.Nb1 c5 29.Nd2 c4 ½-½ (29) Krasowski,S-Kadziola,F Piotrkow Trybunalski 1977

39 **11...d5** 12.Bxd5 Bh3+ 13.Rxh3 Qxh3+ 14.Kg1 Qg3+ 15.Kh1 Rf8 16.Nc3 Ne7 17.Be6 Qh4+ 18.Kg2 Rxf7 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Ne4 h6 22.Bg5 hxg5 23.Rh1 Qf4 24.Qb3+ Kf8 25.Rh8+ Ng8 26.Rxg8+ Ke7 27.Rxg7+ 1-0 (27) Skacel,J-Lukes, F Prague 1955

11...0-0 12.Qh5 h6 13.Qf5 d5 14.Nxh6+ gxh6 15.Bxd5+ 1-0 (15) Nn Unknown Player-Nn Unknown Player corr 1990

12.Qh5 d6 13.Qh4 Qxh4 14.Rxh4 Nd4 15.Na3 Be6 16.Bxe6 Nxe6 17.Rxh7 Rxf7+ 18.Kg2 0-0-0 19.Be3 Kb8 20.Rah1 Rdf8 21.Nb5 a6 22.Nc3 Nf4+ 23.Bxf4 Rxf4 24.Rxg7 Rf2+ 25.Kg3 Rxc2 26.Rhh7 Rcf2 27.Nd5 Rxb2 28.Rxc7 e4 29.Kg4 Rf3 30.Nf4 Ra3 31.Rce7 Ra5 32.Rxe4 Rbxa2 33.Rd4 d5 34.Nxd5 R2a4 35.Nb4 Rb5 36.Nc6+ bxc6 37.Rxa4 a5 38.Kf4 Rb4+ 39.Rxb4+ axb4 40.Ke4 1-0 (40) Poetsch,H (1670)-Rosenstein,W (1479) Dortmund 2003

40 **7...Bxf2+** 8.Kf1 Quintiliano, Renato: '!?'
[8.Kxf2 Qc5+ Quintiliano, Renato: 'and the absence of the d-pawn helps

White's development.' 9.Be3 Quintiliano, Renato: 'would transpose to the previous line' Qxc4 10.Nc3 d6 11.Rf1 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Ng4+ Quintiliano, Renato: '?' 12.Kg1 Nxe3 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qxh7 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-'Quintiliano, Renato: 'with a winning attack.']

8...Bb6 Quintiliano, Renato: 'Black intends to create some threats, but he has neither enough time nor pieces to accomplish his goal. '

[8...d5 9.exd5 Nd4 10.Be2 *(10.c3 Bg4 11.Qa4+ b5 12.Bxb5+ Nxb5 13.Qxb5+ Bd7 14.Qe2 Ng4 15.h3 Qh4 16.Na3 Ke7 17.Nc4 Rf8 18.Nxe5 Be3+ 19.Nf3 Bb5 20.Bxe3 Rxf3+ 21.gxf3 Nxe3+ 22.Kg1 Qg3+ 23.Qg2 Qxg2#* 0-1 (23) Dunn,J-White, R (1738) ICCF email 2011*)* 10...Bh4 11.Bh5+ g6 12.Bxg6+ hxg6 13.c3 Bg4 14.Qa4+ Nd7 15.Nxg6 Qf6+ 16.Nf4 Be2+ 17.Kg1 Nf3+ 18.gxf3 Qg5+ 19.Ng2 Qxc1+ 20.Ne1 Qxe1+ 21.Kg2 Qf2+ 22.Kh3 Qxf3+ 23.Kxh4 Ke7 0-1 (23) Schmidt,R (1912)-Elier,A (1885) Germany 2017]

9.Bf7+ Quintiliano, Renato: '!'Quintiliano, Renato: 'A good way to make Black's development harder.'

9...Kd8 10.c3 Quintiliano, Renato: '?!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'But this looks a bit slow and careless.'

[10.Nc3 Quintiliano, Renato: 'was a better choice, looking for development. ' Qf8 *(10...Qc5 11.Qf3 Nd4* Quintiliano, Renato: 'White was probably afraid of this move, but it is actually harmless:' *12.Qg3 Nxc2 13.Bg5* Quintiliano, Renato: '+-!'*)* 11.Bg5 Qxh8 12.g3 d6 13.Kg2 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-'Quintiliano, Renato: 'and White has no problems consolidating his advantage.']

[10.Bb3 Quintiliano, Renato: 'also seems good, bringing the knight back.' Qc5 11.Qf3 Nd4 12.Be3 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-!']

[10.Bg5 Qf8 11.Bxf6+ gxf6 12.Qg4 Ne7 13.Qh5 Qxh8 14.Qh6 Nc6 15.c3 Bc5 16.Bg6 Qg8 17.Qxh7 Qc4+ 18.Ke1 Nd4 19.Qh8+ Ke7 20.Qg7+ Kd6 21.Qxf6+ Ne6 22.Qf1 Qa4 23.Nd2 b5 24.b3 Qa6 25.b4 Bb6 26.g3 c5 27.bxc5+ Nxc5 28.Qf6+ Kc7 29.Qxe5+ d6 30.Qe7+ Bd7 31.e5 dxe5 32.Qxe5+ Kb7 33.Kd1 Qa4+ 34.Kc1 Qa3+ 35.Kc2 b4 36.Nb3 Rc8 37.Rhb1 Ba4 38.c4 ½-½ (38) Prill,G (2026)-Wolf,W (2211) Freudenstadt 2014]

10...Nxe4 Quintiliano, Renato: '?'

[10...d6 Quintiliano, Renato: 'would be a better try.' 11.Bg5 Bg4 Quintiliano, Renato: 'White's play is not so simple here, although he still keeps an advantage.' 12.Qe1 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *(* Quintiliano, Renato: 'for example' *12.Qxg4* Quintiliano, Renato: '?' *Nxg4 13.Bxe7+ Kxe7 14.Ke2 Rxh8 15.Bb3 Rf8 16.Rf1 Rxf1 17.Kxf1 Ne3+ 18.Ke2 Nxg2* Quintiliano, Renato: ' ≅ 'Quintiliano, Renato: 'and Black achieves material compensation for the exchange.'*)* 12...Kd7 13.Qh4 Rxh8 14.Bxf6 Qxf6+ 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.Nd2 Quintiliano, Renato: '±']

11.Qf3 Qc5

[11...Nf2 Quintiliano, Renato: '?' 12.Bd5 e4 *(12...Nxh1 13.Bg5* Quintiliano, Renato: '+-!'*)* 13.Qxf2 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Bxf2 14.Bg5 Qxg5 15.Nf7+ Ke7 16.Nxg5 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-']

12.Bh5 Quintiliano, Renato: 'White has everything under control and has kept the material advantage, which should be enough for an easy win.'

12...Nf6

[12...d5 Quintiliano, Renato: '⩲' Quintiliano, Renato: 'would offer better chances' 13.Nf7+ Ke7 Quintiliano, Renato: 'White should be careful now and play' 14.Ke1 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *(14.Ng5 Qf2+* Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *15.Qxf2 Nxf2 16.Rg1* Quintiliano, Renato: 'Suddenly, the position seems unclear after' *Bg4* Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *17.Bxg4 Nxg4 18.Rh1* Quintiliano, Renato: 'when Black can go for a repetition, or continue the adventure with' *Rf8+ 19.Ke2 Rf2+ 20.Kd1 Rxg2 21.Nh3 Nxh2* Quintiliano, Renato: '∞' Quintiliano, Renato: 'Black has four pawns for the rook and all his pieces are cooperating well, while White has problems in development; the whole line looks like fantasy, but it is a good example of the bizarre material constellations that may arise in this variation.'*)* 14...Qf2+ 15.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 16.Ke2 Quintiliano, Renato: 'White is able to preserve an advantage here' Bh4 *(16...Bb6* Quintiliano, Renato: '?' *17.Rf1* Quintiliano, Renato: '+-'*)* 17.Nd2 Nf6 18.Nf3 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Nxh5 19.N7xe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Quintiliano, Renato: '±']

13.Bg5 Ke7 14.Nd2 d5 15.Re1 Quintiliano, Renato: '?'Quintiliano, Renato: 'Once more, White plays naturally and carelessly.'

[15.b4 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'would lead to a quick end:' Qb5+ *(15...Qd6 16.Nf7 Qe6 17.b5* Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *e4 18.Qf4 Na5 19.Ne5* Quintiliano, Renato: '+-'*)* 16.Ke1 Be6 17.Rf1 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-']

15...e4 Quintiliano, Renato: '??' Quintiliano, Renato: 'The last error.'

[Quintiliano, Renato: 'Surprisingly,' 15...Be6 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' Quintiliano, Renato: 'would make things far from clear again; Black is going to win the knight, when his development and space in centre seems worthy compensation for the exchange.' 16.b4 Quintiliano, Renato: '?!' Qb5+ 17.Qe2 Quintiliano, Renato: 'even after exchange the queens, White doesn't solves his problems' Qxe2+ 18.Rxe2 *(18.Kxe2 Rxh8 19.Rhf1 h6 20.Bxf6+ gxf6 21.Kd1 Rg8 22.g3 d4* Quintiliano, Renato: '↑!' *)* 18...a6 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' 19.a4 Rxh8 20.b5 axb5 21.axb5 Na7 22.Rxe5 Kd6 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' 23.Bf4 Quintiliano, Renato: '□' Nxh5 24.Rxh5+ Kd7 25.Nf3 Nxb5 Quintiliano, Renato: 'Black still has some resources in this position, for example' 26.c4 *(26.Be5 Ra8* Quintiliano, Renato: '!' *27.Bxg7 Ra1+ 28.Ne1 c6 29.Rxh7* Quintiliano, Renato: '?' *Bf5* Quintiliano, Renato: '-+' *)* 26...Rf8 Quintiliano, Renato: '!' 27.cxb5 *(27.Bd2 Nd4 28.cxd5 Bg4* Quintiliano, Renato: '∓'*)* 27...Rxf4 28.Rxh7 Rf7 Quintiliano, Renato: '∓' Quintiliano, Renato: 'Despite being an exchange down, Black has a strong centre of pawns that can be supported by the bishops.']

16.Nxe4 Quintiliano, Renato: '!?'

[16.b4 Qb5+ 17.c4 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-']

16...Qc4+ 17.Re2 1-0 (17) Rotstein (2192)-Dogantug,I (1992) United States 2015 CBM 94 [Oim, Sh Riga 6/1979]

[17.Re2 dxe4 18.Bxf6+ gxf6 19.Qg3 Quintiliano, Renato: '+-']

7...Qc5 8.Qe2 Bxf2+ 0-1 (8) Zvidra, A (1568)-Aguilar,S (800) IECG 2000

41 **12.Ke3** Qf4+ 13.Ke2 Bg4+ 14.Ke1 Qe4+ 15.Kf2 Bxd1 16.Rxd1 Nd4 17.Nc3 Qxc2+ 18.Rd2 Qf5+ 19.Kg1 0-0-0 20.Rf2 Qg4 21.Nf7 Re8 22.Be3 e4 23.h3 Qh4 24.d6 Nf3+ 25.gxf3 Qg3+ 26.Rg2 Qxf3 27.Re1 Qxf7 28.dxc7 Qxc7 29.Nb5 Qe5 30.Nxa7+ Kb8 31.Rf1 Ka8 32.Rf7 Rd8 33.Rf1 h6 34.Kh1 g5 35.Rd2 Re8 36.Rd7 Qe6 37.Rff7 Qxh3+ 38.Kg1 Qxe3+ 39.Kg2 Qxa7 40.Kg3 Qb8+ 41.Kg2 e3 42.Rd3 e2 43.Ra3+ Qa7 44.Rxa7+ Kxa7 45.Re7 Rxe7 46.Kf2 e1Q+ 47.Kf3 Qe4+ 48.Kg3 Qf4+ 49.Kg2 Re3 50.Kg1 Rg3+ 51.Kh2 Qh4# 0-1 (51) Emiliooo (2613)-Dt Chess (2605) Blitz 2023

42 **6...d5** 7.exd5 Bxf2+ 8.Kxf2 Ng4+ 9.Ke1 Ne7 10.d6 cxd6 11.Bxf7+ Kf8 12.Be6 Nf6 13.Rf1 h5 14.Bxc8 Qxc8 15.Qxd6 Rg8 16.Ne6+ Kf7 17.Nxg7 Rxg7 18.Rxf6+ Ke8 19.Bh6 Rg8 20.Na3 Qg4 21.Rd1 Qe4+ 22.Be3 Qxe3+ 23.Kf1 Qf4+ 24.Rxf4 exf4 25.Nb5 1-0 (25) Tavares da Silva,L-Madeira de Ley,M Sao Paulo 1952

43 **7.Nxf7∞** Qe7??

[7...Bxf2+ 8.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 9.Kg1 *(9.Ke3 Qh4 10.g3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Qxg3+ 12.Qf3 Qxf3+ 13.Kxf3 0-0 14.Ke2 Rxf7 15.Bxf7+ Kxf7 16.Rxh7 d5 17.Be3 Bg4+ 18.Kd2 d4 19.Bg1 Bf5 20.Rh2 Rd8 21.Na3 dxc3+ 22.Kxc3 Rd3+ 23.Kc4 b6 24.Rf2 Na5+ 25.Kb4 Ke6 26.Rc1 c6 27.Rc3 Rd1 28.Rg2 Be4 29.Rxg7 c5+ 30.Kb5 Bd3+ 31.Rxd3 Rxd3 32.Rxa7 Rd2 33.Kxb6 Rxb2+ 34.Kxa5 Rxa2 35.Bxc5 Kd5 36.Bb4 e4 37.Ka4 Rb2 38.Rd7+ Ke5 39.Re7+ Kf5 40.Nc4 Re2 41.Kb3 Kf4 42.Kc3 Re1 43.Kd2 Rb1 44.Bd6+ Kf5 45.Ne3+ Kf6 46.Rxe4 Rb3 47.Ke2 Rb5 48.Kf3 Rb1 49.Ng4+ Kf7 50.Kf4 Rb5 51.Re7+ Kg6 52.Ne5+ Kf6 53.Ng4+ Kg6 54.Re6+ Kg7 55.Ne5 Rb1 56.Kg5 Rg1+ 57.Ng4 Rf1 58.Re7+ Kh8 59.Be5+ Kg8 60.Bg7 Rd1 61.Kh5 Rh1+ 62.Kg6 Re1* 1-0 (62) Wittig,Z (1653)-Walkusz,W (2161) Gniezno 2010*; 9.Kf1 Rf8 10.Qf3 Qh4 11.g3 Nxg3+ 12.Qxg3 Qxc4+ 13.Kg2 Qxf7 14.Na3 d6 15.Rg1 Be6 16.b3 Bd5+ 17.Kh3 Qh5+ 18.Qh4 Rf3+ 19.Rg3 Be6+* 0-1 (19) Scharding,H-Mueller,M Germany 1992*)* 9...Qe7 *(9...Qh4 10.g3 Nxg3 11.Nxh8 Nxh1 12.Qd5 Ne7 13.Qf7+* 1-0 (13) Loncarevic,R (2095)-Stamnov,A (2239) Chicago 2008 *)* 10.Be3 Rf8 11.Qf3 Nf6 12.Ng5 e4 13.Qd1 d5 14.Bxd5 Bg4 15.Bxc6+ bxc6 16.Qa4 Qd6 17.Nd2 1-0 (17) Pinheiro,I (2306)-Sarkar,J (2290) Chess.com INT 2023]

8.Nxh8 Bxf2+

[8...Na5 9.Bd3 d6 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Nd2 0-0-0 12.Qe2 Rxh8 13.b4 Nc6 14.a4 a5 15.b5 Nb8 16.Nc4 Nbd7 17.0-0 Nc5 18.Nxb6+ cxb6 19.f3 Kb8 20.Bc4 Rc8 21.Bxe6 Nxe6 22.Be3 Nc5 23.Bxc5 Rxc5 24.c4 Qc7 25.Rac1 d5 26.exd5 Nxd5 27.Qe4 Nf4 28.g3 Nh3+

29.Kg2 Ng5 30.Qd3 Qc8 31.f4 exf4 32.Rxf4 Ne6 33.Re4 Ng5 34.Re7 Qh3+ 35.Kg1 Rf5 36.Re3 Qg4 37.Rf1 Nh3+ 38.Kg2 Rxf1 39.Qxf1 g5 40.Re8+ Ka7 41.Qf8 Nf4+ 42.Kf2 Nd3+ 43.Ke3 1-0 (43) Nordstrom,F (2178)-Ljubarskij,J (2341) Arvier 2006]

9.Kd2

[9.Kf1+-

A) 9...d5 10.exd5 *(10.Bxd5 Bg4 11.Qb3 Bb6 12.Qa3 Nxd5 13.Qxe7+ Ndxe7 14.Ke1 0-0-0 15.Bd2 Rxh8 16.Na3 Be6 17.Rf1 Ng6 18.g3 Rf8 19.Rxf8+ Nxf8 20.b3 Nd7 21.Ke2 Bg4+ 22.Ke1 Nc5 23.Nc4 Nd3+ 24.Kf1 Bh3+ 25.Ke2 Nc5 26.Nxb6+ axb6 27.Ke3 Nd7 28.b4 Nf6 29.Kd3 h6 30.Be3 Bg2 31.Re1 Bxe4+ 32.Kd2 Bd5 33.a3 Bc4 34.Kc2 Kd7 35.a4 e4 36.Rd1+ Bd3+ 37.Kd2 g5 38.h4 Ne5 39.Bd4 Nf3+ 40.Kc1 Nxd4 41.cxd4 g4 42.Kd2 c6 43.a5 Nd5 44.axb6 Nxb4 45.Rc1 Nd5 46.Ra1 Ba6 47.Ra5 e3+ 48.Ke1 e2 49.Kf2 Bb5 50.Ra7 Ba6 51.Ra8 Ne3 52.Rh8 Nc2 53.Rh7+ Kd6* 0-1 (53) Martinez,A (1815)-Machado,G (1840) Barbacena 2019 *)* 10...Bg4 11.Be2 Rd8 12.Bxg4 Rxd5 13.Nd2 Be3 14.Qe2 Nxg4 15.Qxg4 Bxd2 16.Ke2 Qd6 17.Rd1 Bxc1 18.Raxc1 Nd4+ 19.cxd4 exd4 20.Qc8+ Ke7 21.Qxc7+ 1-0 (21) Liyanage,R (1971)-Jeyanthan,K (1535) Colombo 2018;

B) 9...Nxe4 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Nxg6 1-0 (11) Subramanian,R (993)-Carrier,M (1450) IECG 2000;

C) 9...Bb6 10.b4 d6 *(10...d5 11.exd5 Bg4 12.Be2 Bxe2+ 13.Kxe2 0-0-0 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.h3 Qf5 16.Qc1 Qf2+ 17.Kd1 Rxd5+ 18.Nd2 Ne4 19.Kc2 Nxg5 20.Qd1 Qf5+ 21.Kb2 Be3 22.Rf1 Qd7 23.Nc4 Bf4 24.Qg4 Qxg4 25.hxg4 b5 26.Na3 Rd2+ 27.Kb3 Rxg2 28.Rg1 Rxg1 29.Rxg1 a6 30.Nc2 Kd7 31.Rf1 Ke6 32.a4 Ne7 33.axb5 axb5 34.Nd4+ exd4 35.Rxf4 dxc3 36.Rf8 Nd5 37.Rf5 c2 38.Rf1 Ne3 39.Re1 Kd5 40.Kc3 Ke4 41.Rc1 Kf3 42.Kd3 Kf2 43.Ra1 Ne6 44.Nf7 Nf4+ 45.Kd2 Ne2 46.Ng5 c1Q+ 47.Rxc1 Nxc1 48.Kxc1 Nxg4 49.Nxh7 Ke3 50.Ng5 c6 51.Kc2 Ne5 52.Kc3 Nf3 53.Nxf3 Kxf3 54.Kd4 g5 55.Kc5 g4 56.Kxc6 g3 57.Kxb5 g2 58.Kc6 g1Q 59.b5 Qc1+ 60.Kb7 Qc5 61.b6 Ke4 62.Ka8 Qa5+ 63.Kb7 Kd5 64.Kc8 Qxb6* 0-1 (64) Feliciano,N-Araujo,E TSC Blumenau 1978*)* 11.Bg5 Bg4 12.Qxg4 Nxg4 13.Bxe7± Kxe7 14.Ke2 Rxh8 15.Nd2 Nd8 16.h3∓ Nf6!? 17.g4!? c6 18.Bb3 d5 19.exd5∞ cxd5 20.c4 ChessCalisthenics: 'Porreca,G-Bisguier,A/Zagreb 1955/MCD/0-1 (40)' Nc6 21.cxd5 Nxb4 22.d6+ Kxd6 23.Nc4+ Kc7 24.Nxb6 Kxb6 25.Rhd1 Nc6 26.g5 Ne4 27.Rd7 Nd4+ 28.Ke1 Rf8 29.Rb1 Kc6 30.Bd5+ Kxd7 31.Rxb7+ Kd6 32.Bxe4 Rf4 33.Bxh7 e4 34.Rxg7 e3 35.Bd3 Rf2 36.Rg6+ Ke5 37.Ba6 Rxa2 38.Kf1 Kf4 39.Rd6 Nf5 40.g6 Ra1+ 0-1 (40) Porreca, G-Bisguier,A Zagreb 1955]

9...d5 10.Bxd5 Bg4 11.Bf7+ Kf8 12.Qf1 Nxe4+ 13.Kc2 Bf5 14.g4 Ng3+

15.gxf5 Nxf1 16.Rxf1 Qh4 17.Nd2 e4 18.Nc4 e3 19.Bxe3 Bxe3 20.a4 Bf2 21.Be6 Nd8 22.Ne5 Qe4+ 23.Nd3 Qe2+ 24.Kb3 Qxd3 25.Rxf2 Nxe6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.e7 Qe3 28.Rf7 Qe6+ 29.c4 Qxf7 30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.a5 Re8 32.a6 b6 33.Kb4 Rxe7 34.Rd1 Ke8 35.Kb5 Re6 36.b4 c6+ 37.Ka4 Ke7 38.Rd3 Re2 39.Rh3 h6 40.Rg3 Kf7 41.Rd3 Ke7 42.Rg3 g5 43.h4 Kf6 44.hxg5+ hxg5 45.Rf3+ Kg6 46.Rd3 g4 47.Rd6+ Kf5 48.Rxc6 g3 49.Rd6 g2 50.Rd1 Kf4 51.c5 bxc5 52.bxc5 Rf2 53.Rg1 Kf3 54.Kb5 Ra2 55.Rc1 Kf2 56.c6 g1Q 57.Rxg1 Kxg1 58.Kc5 Rxa6 59.c7 Ra1 0-1 (59) Ninov,N (2536)-Goldsztejn,G (2339) La Fere 2007

44 **10.Na3** h6 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nc4 Nxe4 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.Re1 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nc5 16.Bc2 Qd7 17.f4 Qh3 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Be3 Ne6 20.Qd5 Nf4 21.Qe4 Rf6 22.Bxf4 Raf8 23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxe5+ Kd8 25.Rad1+ Kc8 26.Qe8+ Rxe8 27.Rxe8# 1-0 (27) Cxcx83 (2621)-Siilawy (2572) Blitz 2023

45 **12.Nbd2** Qg6 13.Nh4 Qh5 14.Nf5+ Bxf5 15.exf5 Ng4 16.h3 Nxf2 17.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Qxf5+ 19.Qxf5 Rxf5+ 20.Ke2 Na5 21.Bd5 Raf8 22.Nf3 c6 23.Be4 R5f6 24.Bd3 b5 25.b3 Nb7 26.Be3 Re6 27.Bc2 g5 28.g4 Ref6 29.Bf5 Rxf5 30.gxf5 Rxf5 31.Bxa7 c5 32.a4 bxa4 33.Rxa4 Nd8 34.Bb6 Nc6 35.Nd2 Ke6 36.Ra8 Rf4 37.Re8+ Kd7 38.Rh8 Rh4 39.Rh7+ Ke6 40.Nf3 Rxh3 41.Nxg5+ hxg5 42.Rxh3 e4 43.Rh6+ Ke5 44.Bc7 1-0 Ssllaavvaass-mikolka1985/Blitz 2023